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Clarke and George to meet today

Bank signals that rates may go up again

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England signalled yesterday that loan rates will have to rise again if the Government is to hit its inflation target. The warning comes less than two months after rates were increased half a percentage point to 5.75.

The warning was given in spite of the fact that the Bank admitted that inflation is likely to stay at 2.5 per cent until mid-1996, close to the next election. It has yet again been caught out by the good news on inflation, which fell to another 30-year low in September. In yesterday's *Inflation Report*, it revised its forecasts for inflation substantially downwards from those published in August.

This provided a fillip late yesterday to the financial markets, which saw strong reasons in the report to leave interest rates unchanged for the time being in spite of the Bank's longer-term caution.

There is still uncertainty about what will be decided today when Eddie George, the Bank Governor, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, meet for their regular monthly session to discuss interest rates.

The Bank said yesterday that it believes that underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, will be at 2.5 per cent in two years' time instead of the 3 per cent it estimated in August.

This is exactly in the middle of the Government's target range of 1 to 4 per cent. The Bank and the Treasury are committed, however, to inflation in the bottom half of that range by the end of this parliament — below 2.5 per cent. Hence its warning on rates.

City economists were clear that the Bank will push for another base-rate rise soon, but were unsure whether Mr George will risk asking for one today, given the Chancellor's reluctance to decide one in September when base rates were raised from 5.25 per cent from 5.75 per cent.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "The Chancellor took two days' thinking to agree to the last base rate rise. It could take him a bit longer this time." The downward revision in inflation contained in yesterday's report may mean that Mr George has a tough time persuading Mr Clarke to agree to another rate rise today.

Roger Bootle, at Midland Bank, said: "I would be surprised if the authorities decided to raise rates again so soon, given the latest forecast. But it depends on their determination to push inflation down to the bottom half of its target range."

He conceded that today's meeting may be the last chance to raise rates this year. The next opportunity would come just after the Budget and a rate rise then could be construed as a thumbs down to the Chancellor's efforts. A rate rise in December would, he said, invite unwelcome comparisons with Scrooge.

The wild card in today's decision-making is how much the Chancellor and the Governor want to win praise from the financial markets for another early pre-emptive strike against inflation.

There has been much self-congratulation in Whitehall and Threadneedle Street about the anti-inflation credibility built up with the markets by raising interest rates on September 12. With the markets yesterday betting against a rate rise this time, the credibility brownie points could be even greater.

Michael Saunders, chief economist at Salomon Brothers, said that the Bank's latest inflation estimate was sufficiently close to the Government's target to weaken the case for an immediate rate rise. But he added: "If they do it, it would send an extremely powerful signal to the markets that they mean business on inflation."

The Bank outlined a number of changes in economic behaviour — some of them arguably lasting — which have kept prices under pressure during the recovery and have, with September's rate rise, accounted for the downward revision of its inflation forecast.

It highlighted fierce high street competition, which may be a permanent feature, as well as the behaviour of wages which have been surprisingly subdued despite falling unemployment.

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JOHN MOORE



Freed hostages, left to right, Paul Ridout, Miles Croston, American Bela Joseph Nuss, and Rhys Partridge, talking to the press in Delhi yesterday

Kashmiris' British hostages free after gunfight

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THREE Britons lured into captivity by a Kashmiri separatist group were rescued yesterday after a pre-dawn gun battle in which two policeman and a kidnapper died.

Five of the kidnappers — two Afghans and three Kashmiris — were arrested after the fierce battle in Saharanpur, 120 miles north of Delhi. Police said three men escaped. On Monday, another man from the group was killed in a gun battle in a village outside Ghaziabad, 12 miles east of Delhi, where an American, Bela Joseph Nuss, 43, had been held in chains.

Last night, Paul Ridout, 26, of Dorset, Rhys Partridge, 27, of Suffolk, and Miles Croston, 28, of Buckinghamshire, told journalists that they had been befriended at different times by the same man. "We were lured into going to Saharanpur by an Indian who had befriended us, on September 29 in the case of Rhys and October 16 in the case of Myles and myself," Mr Ridout said. "Our 'friend' turned into our captor. We were held at gunpoint from then on."

He said that they were treated "as well as you can be when you are chained to the floor. I mean you are treated like an animal". Mr Ridout added: "When the fighting began we were able to tell the police where we were." They thanked the Indian authorities for rescuing them and expressed their sorrow "for the families of the police officers who were killed".

The captors, who described themselves as members of Al-Hadid, a small, extremist Islamic faction, had demanded the release of ten Kashmiri militants held in Indian jails and had earlier threatened to behead their hostages.

Yesterday Mr Partridge's mother, Pamela, said at her home in Martlesham, Suffolk: "It was such a wonderful relief when they told me he was alive and well."

At Mr Ridout's family home, near Verwood, Dorset, mother Diana and father Michael said: "Yesterday we were completely and utterly numb. Today we're delighted."

Khmer Rouge execute Westerners

THREE Western hostages captured by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, including Mark Slater, from Corby, Northamptonshire, have been found dead (James Prigle writes).

Cambodia's junior Prime Minister, Hun Sen, said yesterday that the graves of the three, captured in late July as they travelled by train for a beach holiday, had been found in the southern province of Kampot, where they are known to have been held.

Government officials said they believed Mr Slater, 28, David Wilson, 29, from Australia, and Frenchman Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, had been executed by their captors on about September 28. In Peking, King Norodom Sihanouk said he felt "sad and humiliated" that he had been unable to save the hostages, "whose only crime was to feel sincere, disinterested love for Cambodia and its people".

In London, the Government condemned the killings as a barbaric outrage.

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Pope-Hennessy dies at 80

Sir John Pope-Hennessy, the Italian Renaissance authority who was director of the Victoria and Albert Museum from 1967-73 and the British Museum from 1974-76, died yesterday at his home in Florence. He was 80.

From 1977 to 1986 he was chairman of the department of European painting at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. Obituary, page 21

AA manager gets £10,000 payout

Christine Hill, 33, a £20,000-a-year Automobile Association shop manager dismissed from her post to make way for a boss's mistress, left an industrial tribunal in Exeter yesterday with £10,000 from her former employers. Page 3

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Disarray as parties bicker over public Commons sleaze inquiry

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Commons cash-for-questions inquiry was thrown into disarray last night as Conservative and Labour MPs failed to agree on whether it should sit in public or private. At the same time Tony Benn's threat to report its proceedings raised fears over whether the MPs being investigated would get a fair hearing.

As the Commons prepared to order an investigation by the Privileges Committee into the behaviour of *The Guardian* in the Jonathan Aitken affair, the committee's inquiry into allegations that two Tory MPs were ready to take £1,000 to table parliamentary questions broke up without any progress being made.

David Tredinnick and Graham Riddick, who had stood outside the committee room waiting to be interviewed, were called in after two hours to be told that they should seek advice about their positions after the warning by Mr Benn, the senior member of the committee, that he would defy any secrecy order.

But Labour members failed to make any headway in their attempt to make the hearings public, and no further meetings will be held until after the State Opening of the new parliament on November 16.

The fresh question-mark over the Privileges Committee proceedings comes as MPs vote today to refer to it *The Guardian*'s methods in gaining information about Mr Aitken. An emergency debate on the use by *The Guardian* of the logo of Commons notepaper on a fax it sent to the Ritz Hotel in Paris will be held this afternoon. It will result in a full-scale inquiry by committee, with Peter Preston, the editor of the newspaper, being called to explain himself.

The announcement of the inquiry came after John Major led a fierce Conservative assault on *The Guardian*. The Prime Minister told MPs that if it were commonly accepted in journalism that the end justified any means, it would regret "stooping to that particular standard". To cheers from the Tory benches, he declared that systematic deception, fraud and collusion were not what was expected of a free press.

Conservative MPs will use today's debate to seize the opportunity given them by the newspaper to continue their offensive against the methods and standards of the press. There were clear indications yesterday of a sharp improvement in Tory morale as *The Guardian* provided a focus for a united attack in which the Prime Minister readily became involved.

The developments came amid signs of deadlock within the Privileges Committee over its investigation into the cash-for-questions affair.

After the Commons vote on Monday against automatic public hearings, but in favour of the committee deciding the

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Tottenham sack Ardiles

Tottenham Hotspur yesterday sacked their manager Ossie Ardiles (above), who succeeded the controversial Terry Venables. He will be replaced in the short term by his assistant Steve Perryman.

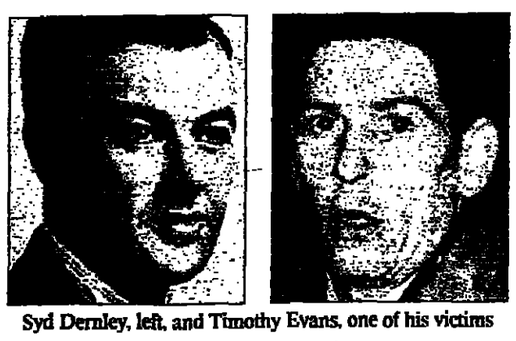
Alan Sugar, the club chairman, said the decision to let the former Argentinian international go was "one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make in my life". Page 48

Britain's seven-second hangman dies at 73

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

BRITAIN's last surviving hangman, Syd Dernley, died yesterday aged 73 — 41 years after his five-year career ended. As assistant to Albert Pierrepoint, Dernley helped to hang 25 people, including Timothy Evans, who was posthumously pardoned.

Evans was found guilty of murdering his wife in 1950, but was found to be innocent when John Christie was blamed for the crime. Dernley also helped Pierrepoint to hang George Riley in 1961 for the murder of a 62-year-old widow. It was his proud boast that he was Britain's fastest hangman, having assisted in sending James Inglis, who murdered a prostitute in Hull, on his way in just seven seconds.



Syd Dernley, left, and Timothy Evans, one of his victims

Joyce Dernley, 73, his widow, said at their home in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, where he died of a heart attack: "We were just a normal married couple. A lot of younger folk now think it must have been queer, but far from it. My husband was a very unassuming man, fond of a joke and a pint of beer. He was very popular."

In 1989 Dernley published his memoirs, *The Hangman's Tale*, in which he described how he decided to become a hangman at the age of 11 after reading an Edgar Wallace novel. Interviewed before publication he said: "I was a professional and I wanted to achieve the fastest hanging ever. I did one chap in seven seconds. They should place that in the *Guinness Book of Records*."

Mrs Dernley said her husband never spoke to her about individual hangings. "He'd come home and I'd say 'is everything all right?' and he'd say 'yes' and that was it."

Dernley believed his penchant for gallows humour ended his career when Pierrepoint was offended by a crude joke he made. But he never explained to his wife why he and the chief executioner had fallen out. "Something happened, but it wasn't like him to have a quarrel with anybody," she said.

Because of the Official Secrets Act, colleagues at his full-time job — he was a welder — never knew why he occasionally missed work. He was paid three guineas for each hanging.

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Gremlins ensure cut and thrust occasionally falls below the belt

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Are there gremlins inside politicians? Does some dark side of an MP's nature beckon him into the very trap which will embarrass him most? Can it be only coincidence that on the day when Labour got cold feet about the sleaze frenzy, Tony Blair should commence his question to the Prime Minister by declaring "there is more than a whiff of retreat in the air!". Tories fell about.

Can it be just mischance that, with Opposition MPs shouting "Ritz! Ritz!", Mr Major should tell Geoffrey Hoon (Lab, Ashfield) that "housing benefit is more generous here than you will find anywhere on the Continent"? Cries of "room service" were audible amid the din. Labour fell about.

And what malign inner voice advised Paddy Ashdown to couch his complaint to Major (about low standards in political life) in the phrase "accuracy and frankness?" Ashdown's own personal difficulties are still in MPs' minds. Major's riposte was below the belt. Tories *and* Labour fell about.

It seemed the session had been pre-ordained by some *Higher Choreographer* — the political parties organised to dance in accordance with an overall plan. As Labour fell back, silent on sleaze, the Tories advanced upon the editor of *The Guardian*. Tory whips were behind the spectacle of four ex-ministers leaping, one behind the other, to the anti-*Guardian* cause; but who had whipped the Labour Party behind its synchronised backstep as the Tories advanced? Had one misdeed by one journalist wholly reversed the moral balance, turning a rout one way into a rout the other?

It seemed unlikely. The dramatic U-turn made a fine spectacle, but hardly reflected the ambiguities still felt on all sides. It seems that press and politicians unconsciously conspire to force elements of the news into the mould of a simple dance routine. If individuals or party fortunes are not rising then they are falling. If a cause is not advancing it is retreating. Words like "mounting," "plummeting," "growing" and "shrinking" dominate the vocabulary of politics. Indignation comes in "waves," complaint in "crescendos," anger in "tides" and, as storms "gather," the air is full of surges, climbdowns, comebacks and setbacks — with the occasional stalemate or standoff. The truth — that little is happening — is easily lost.

Certainly it is lost on Parliament: lost on David Evans (Welwyn, Hatfield), the Tories' most volcanic backbencher, who was offered almost the last sound-bite of the exchanges. Evans turned it into a sound-gobble. Turkey-purple, he yelled allegations of sleaze at Mr Blair: "that *lot over there*" who were "a bunch of fiddlers". At one point he paused to glance at his notes. "Reading!" shouted Labour. "He can't," shouted Tony Banks.

It made a contrast with questions to the Education Secretary, the mumsy Gillian Shephard. With her band of backbench helpers she resembles Mrs Rabbit assisted by Flopsy and Mopsy. Cottontail was played by John Whittingdale, 35 (C, Colchester S & Maldon) who hoped Mrs Rabbit shared his views on the evils of drugs and would never legalise soft drugs, like the Liberals.

Can this really be the John Whittingdale who stood with me at the Lyceum, 15 years ago, balancing our pints of lager and roaring our support for the punk groups *999* and *Stiff Little Fingers*, as the audience pogo-danced and shook fists in unison to the strains of *Police Oppression*?

Heseltine in fight to save Post sell-off

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine was desperately trying to salvage something last night from the wreckage of his plans to sell off the Royal Mail.

The President of the Board of Trade was working on a compromise designed to give the Post Office greater commercial freedom while selling off only a minority stake. But at the same time Treasury limitations on its scope for borrowing would be eased to enable the organisation to compete internationally.

Under one option being canvassed, the Government would sell some 40 per cent of the shares — compared with the 51 per cent sale favoured by Mr Heseltine — 40 per cent would remain in the public sector and another 20 per cent would be hived off into an independent trust for Post Office employees.

According to ministers this would mean that, officially, it would not be part of the public sector and would not fall within the public sector borrowing requirement. It would therefore have greater freedom to borrow on the financial markets.

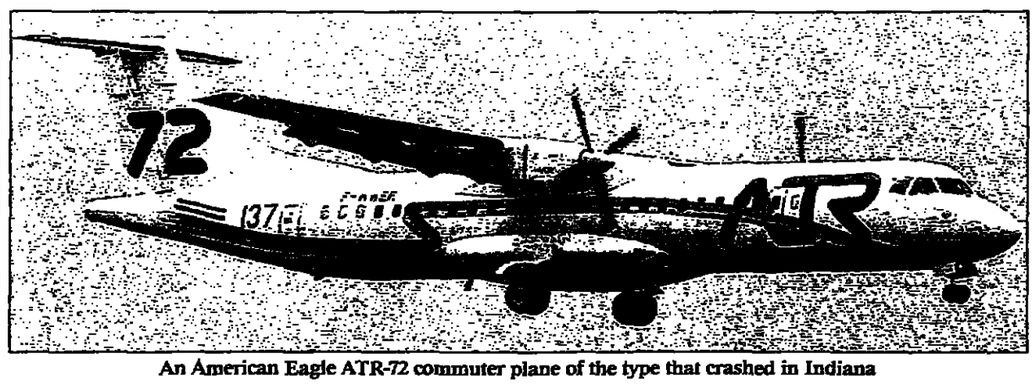
The Cabinet's industrial, commercial and consumer affairs committee is due to meet today in an attempt to resolve the affair and minimise the political fallout from what will be widely seen as a Government climbdown in the face of a threatened backbench Tory rebellion. A full meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow is expected to kill Mr Heseltine's proposal and endorse a compromise solution.

But Mr Heseltine's friends are livid about the way the Government has crumpled. They are dismayed that a proposal Mr Heseltine has fought to get through the Cabinet now looks like being scuppered by what they regard as no more than a dozen diehards. "It is a classic case of the tail wagging the dog," said one.

Yesterday Mr Major laid the ground for a government retreat. Under pressure from Tony Blair in the Commons, the Prime Minister refrained from mentioning the Government's preferred option of a 51 per cent sale of its stake in the Royal Mail and highlighted the "success" of measures already taken to make the business more competitive.

Mr Major struck a cautious note as Mr Heseltine privately conceded that his original proposals were dead and embarked on an effort to sell his compromise scheme. He was seeing individually some of the 20 Tory MPs who have signalled their opposition to a public flotation of a majority of the shares in the business.

Mr Heseltine's fall-back position would go part way towards the Government's favoured formula of joint ownership and enable him to argue that he had averted total defeat in his crusade to equip the Royal Mail for the next century.



An American Eagle ATR-72 commuter plane of the type that crashed in Indiana

Methodist workers among seven Britons killed in US air crash

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT, AND TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

TWO Church workers returning home to Lancashire were among seven Britons who died in a commuter aeroplane crash near Chicago on Monday evening that killed 68 passengers and crew.

As crash investigators continued to trawl the wreckage of the American Eagle ATR-72 turbo-prop, which fell from 8,000ft into a cornfield 40 miles short of its destination, a build-up of ice on the wings was believed to be the most likely cause of the crash.

Ken Leech, a Free Methodist minister and former policeman, of Preston, and his assistant Alan Ramm, of Garstang, both 55, were going to catch a connecting flight from Chicago after a church conference in Indianapolis. Mr Leech's widow Joan was being comforted by relatives last night. The couple had three grown-up sons.

Mr Ramm, who was also married and had one son, was Mr Leech's full-time administrative assistant and started working for the church six years ago after leaving his job as a teacher in Preesall, Lancashire.

The other British victims were Betty Tweedie, 61, of Renfrew, Strathclyde, and her friend Elizabeth McKay, 63, of nearby Hillington, who were on holiday; Jo Parmar, of Sutton Coldfield; Ian Garbutt, 31, of Hartlepool, Cleveland; and William Reading, 34, from Binfield, Berkshire, who was a professor at Montreal University.

Mrs Tweedie, a widow, sang in the choir at Renfrew Trinity Church. The minister, the Rev Stuart Steell, said Mrs Tweedie, an elder of the church, was a "tower of strength to many people".

Last night Miss McKay's brother Tom said: "They had been having a wonderful holiday. I had just spoken to her on Sunday night."

Mr Garbutt, an electrician for British Steel, was on a tour to watch American football games. Gary Flounders, who played rugby with Mr Garbutt in Hartlepool, said: "Ian was a great club player but in recent years he had become involved in American football. He went nearly every year to America to watch some games."

At Mr Parmar's home last night, relatives were gathering to his wife. One neighbour said: "Jo was a very charming man. The news came as a devastating shock."

Flight 4184 was the fifth journey the nine-month old aircraft had made yesterday and the second flown by the crew. They had left Indianapolis an hour late because of a build up of traffic at Chicago.

The crash will once more focus attention on the safety of commuter airlines in the United States where the accident rate is twice as high as among major airlines.



Victims: Ken Leech and Alan Ramm

Shephard sets up new nursery team

A task force is being set up to implement the Prime Minister's commitment to provide nursery education for all four-year-olds, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary announced yesterday. Mrs Shephard said a team of her department officials would consult widely to develop plans for the expansion of pre-school education.

The decision indicates the difficulties facing Mrs Shephard as she attempts to implement Mr Major's "cast-iron" commitment made at last month's Conservative Party conference. The National Union of Teachers has estimated it would cost almost £400 million to provide nursery classes for the 273,000 unplaced four-year-olds. Education ministers are anxious that the Treasury may require the extra cash to be found from the department's own budget.

Peace line gates open

Nationalists and Unionists yesterday welcomed the opening of security gates along the most prominent "peace line" in Belfast. The gates at Lanark Way, which separate the Protestant Shankill area from the Roman Catholic Springfield area, will be open from dawn to dusk. Alex Atwood, an SDLP councillor, said the opening was symbolically important.

Barbican chief may go

Baroness O'Cathain, the managing director of the Barbican Centre, may not see out the three years of her contract (Dalya Alberge writes). The Corporation of London said yesterday in a statement that it was looking for a deputy managing director who "will be groomed to take over the post of managing director in due course".

Fans arrested in Spain

Seventeen British football fans were arrested yesterday in Barcelona, where Manchester United play in the European Cup tonight. Police said 6,700 United fans were expected but at least 2,000 had no ticket, and some had nowhere to stay. Those arrested are to appear in court on charges of causing damage, creating a public scandal and fighting.

Chief Justice's warning


The Lord Chief Justice last night highlighted the dangers of using psychological profiling of offenders in criminal trials and called for urgent action on the use of expert evidence. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, right, delivering the Lund Lecture to the British Academy of Forensic Science, attacked the Government's failure to bring in proposals made last year by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

Boy has brain surgery

A leading American surgeon carried out a complex brain operation yesterday on four-year-old Ashley Rowle, from Northfleet, Kent, which is the boy's only hope of survival. Dr Fred Epstein said he was very pleased with Ashley's progress after he removed between 70 per cent and 95 per cent of a tumour at the New York Medical Centre.

Shetland wreck boarded

Pollution experts yesterday boarded the Russian fish factory ship *Pionersk*, wrecked off Shetland, as a two-mile oil slick streamed from it. An oil recovery vessel, the *Forth Explorer*, was heading for the scene. The Scottish Office and Transport Department agreed last night to consult on new arrangements for licensing ships operating in British waters.

Heller talk cancelled

The Times/Dillons forum at Central Hall, Westminster, tonight, at which Joseph Heller was to speak about *Closing Time*, his sequel to Catch 22, has been cancelled.

Backpackers ignore advice in search for adventure

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than four million backpackers will head for the world's most remote and dangerous regions this year in what for many will be their last chance of adventure before the burdens of adulthood.

The Foreign Office issues warnings about travelling overseas, but such advice acts as a lure rather than a discouragement for some. There are risks even away from known troublespots, as the three Britons kidnapped in Delhi found.

The latest travel advice notes from the Foreign Office say that visitors to India "are strongly advised to avoid the state of Jammu and Kashmir". They say that in the Kashmir Valley there has been "some militant activity including robbery, kidnapping and murder".

Of Cambodia, where it was confirmed yesterday that the British hostage Mark Slater had been killed, the notes say: "British visitors are strongly advised not to travel outside Phnom Penh."

About 20 per cent of students take a "gap" year before going to university and many of these go abroad simply to travel or to work.

Young Britons are among the most widely travelled in the world according to Lonely Planet, the guidebook publisher. While parents fret at home over their safety and well-being, the youngsters head for areas where they believe they are likely to find the most adventure and often the most risk.

With discount air fares now readily available, it is possible to visit countries that seemed impossible to reach only a few years ago. Accommodation is also cheap in these underdeveloped areas, with many rooms in India available at well under £3 a night.

The Association of Independent Tour Operators said there had been a 500 per cent increase in the number of "adventure" travellers in the past five years.

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CORRECTION

A report (October 22) incorrectly stated that Labour won two seats in the Eel Brook ward of the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham in May. In fact they won only one, the Liberal Democrats taking the other.

MPs in sleaze inquiry row

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precise form of its inquiry, Labour and Tory committee members engaged in a lengthy wrangle about procedure when it met last night.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, announced that today's debate would cover "the alleged action of *The Guardian* newspaper in representing that a letter sent by it to the Ritz Hotel in Paris was sent in the name of a Member of this House". It followed a co-ordinated assault on the newspaper during Prime Minister's question time, with Conservatives lining up to criticise Mr Preston and several calling on him to resign from the Press Complaints Commission.

One former Tory minister, Sir Wyn Roberts, protested: "So-called investigative journalism has sunk to a new all-time low. If a newspaper is found to have used the name of this House to give false authority to its activities, that newspaper deserves to lose the respect and confidence of this House." Mr Major said that a diverse and wholly independent press was an important protector of democracy. "What is particularly sad is the casual abuse of what were previously once high expected standards. If it is commonly accepted in journalism that the end justifies any means, then I believe journalism will regret stooping to that particular standard.

"I hope that is not the case. I hope honest, factual journalism remains important to our democratic system. But systematic deception, fraud and collusion is most certainly not what we expect from a free press."

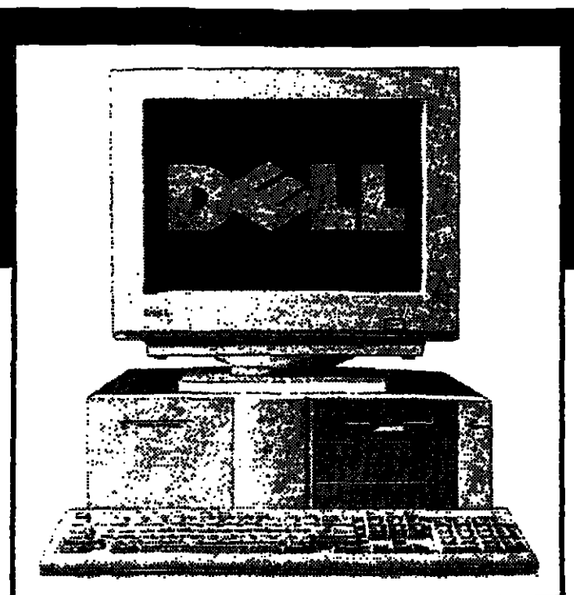
Mr Major, who has left friends in no doubt over his anger at the recent spate of allegations, surprised MPs with a fierce and personal put-down for Paddy Ashdown.

The Liberal Democrat leader asked him whether he was satisfied with the promptness, accuracy and frankness with which Mr Aitken had responded to questions. Conservative and Labour MPs bayed as Mr Major told Mr Ashdown that he and other MPs "may be wholly satisfied with your own blameless pasts in every respect".

The Prime Minister said that over many years *The Guardian* and the present editor had from time to time thundered against general standards in public life. "That is the right of the press to do that," he said. "I simply invite them to observe their own standards themselves."

The motion calling for *The Guardian* affair to go before the committee will be moved by David Wilshire, Conservative MP for Spelthorne, who had lodged a formal complaint. It is likely to be supported by the Labour front bench, but some Labour left-wingers are expected to oppose the motion.

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AA woman replaced by boss's mistress wins £10,000 payout

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN award-winning shop manager, who was sacked from her job with the Automobile Association to make way for a boss's mistress, left an industrial tribunal with a £10,000 cheque from her former employer yesterday.

Less than two hours after Christine Hill, 33, was ousted from her job at the AA's shop in Plymouth, Paul Matthews, the regional sales manager, replaced her with Louise Bunney, 27.

Anthony Donne, QC, counsel for Mrs Hill, said the behaviour of Mr Matthews, 34, from Wedmore, Somerset, gave a whole new meaning to the AA's catchphrase, "but I know a man who does".

He said it was about time the AA, which advertised itself as the fourth caring service, started to treat loyal employees "in the same way as they claim to treat the stranded motorist".

Having opened the case to the Exeter tribunal, the AA settled the matter after legal discussion. Mr Donne told the tribunal that the AA admitted Mrs Hill was unfairly dismissed, had agreed to give her a signed reference, and to pay an extra £10,000 to reflect the way she had been treated.

Mrs Hill, who earned nearly £20,000 a year and is now looking for a job, had already received £31,500 in redundancy payment from the AA, for whom she had worked for 12 years, he said.

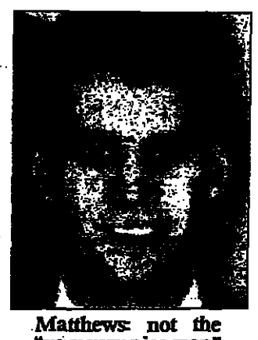
Earlier, Mr Donne had said that Mrs Hill, from Higher Compton, Plymouth, was the Plymouth shop manager for more than seven years, in charge of 16 staff. In 1992, she won the senior shop manager of the year award.



Christine Hill, left, replaced by Louise Bunney

However, Mr Matthews was "the very opposite of the 'very very nice man' referred to in the AA advertisments. He is ambitious, arrogant, aggressive and self-opinionated," Mr Donne said.

Last year she applied for the vacant post of area sales manager, but the job went to Clive Martison, a friend and colleague of Mr Matthews. This year, when the AA began seeking voluntary redundancies, Mr Martison "purported" to carry out a performance assessment of Mrs Hill which amounted to "dishonest downgrading of the most blatant kind", Mr Donne said.



Matthews: not the "very very nice man"

In June this year, Mr Matthews handed her a letter making her redundant. The claim that her post was redundant was a "blatant lie", Mr Donne said. "Her position was filled within two hours by Mr Matthews's mistress, a rather aptly named lady called Miss Bunney ... who had always coveted the Plymouth manager's job."

Mrs Hill appealed to head office at Basingstoke, but "she might as well have spoken to a brick wall".

The AA said last night that the compensation payment to Mrs Hill recognised "a regrettable breach of its redundancy procedures" and had nothing to do with "wholly unsubstantiated" allegations against Mr Matthews, which it had already investigated.

Female bus drivers 'harassed'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THREE female bus drivers were sexually harassed by a ticket inspector, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Louise Clark, 28, Jane Weston, 25, and Helen Saindle, 22, who are seeking compensation for harassment, claim that the Cambridge bus firm Cambus should have done more to protect them by controlling the behaviour of Colin Hall, who allegedly touched them on several occasions.

Miss Clark, a driver for five years, said she was sickened when Mr Hall once grabbed her in "a bear hug" as she was about to jump off her bus. "He carried me off with one arm around my back and the other around my bottom," she told the hearing in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Miss Clark told the tribunal she had decided to complain about his behaviour after Miss Weston told her she had also been touched. The hearing continues.

Los Angeles gives warm welcome to 'Prince Charming'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

ANGELA Lansbury, the veteran English-born actress, led a chorus of approval for the Prince of Wales after receiving a CBE from him on his first evening in Los Angeles. Lauding the Prince for his interest in "the common man", the 69-year-old star of the television series *Murder She Wrote* said: "My grandfather would have approved."

Whether George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party from 1931 to 1935, would have approved of the four-Jaguar motorcade that swept the Prince from the airport to his first official engagement behind a phalanx of motorcycle outriders is open to question, but such displays are more admired than envied in California, and the start of the five-day royal visit was being seen yesterday as a modest but welcome public relations coup.

"Charming," "down to earth", and "misunderstood", were among initial impressions of the Prince offered by city leaders invited to meet him at a reception preceding the private investiture ceremony at the home of Merrick Baker-Bates, the British consul-general, on Monday night.

Talk of the Prince's marriage, as revealed in Jonathan Dimbleby's biography which went on sale in Britain yesterday, was strictly *sotto voce* as he chatted with 150 guests whose lapel badges reflected the two themes of the trip: meeting those involved with rebuilding South Central Los Angeles since the 1992 riots and supporting the two-month UK/LA arts festival now in progress.

In America, rumours that tickets to the two UK/LA events being attended by the Prince had failed to sell out were strenuously denied by festival organisers. The Prince himself nevertheless seemed anxious about attendance at tonight's Royal Shakespeare Company performance of Henry VI Part 3 in the suburb of Cerritos. "I hope all the tickets have been sold because it's rather an obscure play," he told a former mayor of Cerritos. The mayor assured the Prince that the performance was "the hottest ticket in town".

In stark contrast to the meagre public attendance at many of the Prince's engagement at home, overflow crowds were expected for last night's world premiere of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein at the Odeon cinema on* Avenue of the Stars, near Beverly Hills. An American reporter who suggested that Angelenos were only "mildly interested" in the royal visit was shouted down by 14 women parking attendants at the consul-general's residence. "That's because you are a man," said 35-year old Michelle Dygutowicz. "He's misunderstood and misrepresented. I have a special place in my heart for him."

☐ London bookshops reported brisk sales yesterday of *The Prince of Wales A Biography*, Mr Dimbleby's 600-page book.



Americans who met the Prince of Wales described him as "misunderstood"



Angela Lansbury received the CBE

Aids plot denied by man on blackmail charge

BY CATHERINE MILTON

TWO blackmailers threatened to contaminate supermarket food with the Aids virus if they were not paid £12 million, the Old Bailey heard yesterday.

The men said that infected fluid would be injected into prepared food if their demands were not met, Bernard Phelvin said for the prosecution.

But the attempted extortion was thwarted by a police undercover operation. Officers, posing as representatives from Sainsbury, Safeway and Tesco, contacted the men behind the plot, secretly taped conversations with them and finally arrested them.

Alexander Taylor, 52, of Yeovil, Somerset, denies conspiracy to blackmail, but the jury was told that Michael Norman, 52, of Wreningham, Norfolk, who was not before the court, had admitted the offence. The court was told that Mr Taylor did not deny that he was involved, but says that he had no idea he was party to blackmail.

Mr Phelvin said both men were behind letters sent to the three supermarket firms in January this year. The letters demanded that the retailers pay a "tax" to support the small shops and businesses struggling to compete against them.

The letter said: "There are a small number of our members who are tested HIV positive. We can have the supply of infected fluid whenever and we can deliver this to the produce in your store."

The letters, which claimed to be from a group called Action in the Community, threatened to contaminate products and then alert the media unless the money was paid into an account set up at a National Westminster bank in Kensington High Street. The blackmailers ordered that a coded small ad should be put in *The Daily Telegraph* confirming this had been done.

Mr Phelvin said the conspiracy was a "fairly sophisticated and certainly unpleasant scheme" involving menaces of "a particularly unpleasant and sinister kind". The case continues.

Boy, 14, thought killing widow 'would not cause much trouble'

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MENTALLY ill schoolboy was ordered to be detained indefinitely yesterday for a random attack on an 85-year-old widow as she walked to church in a Dorset town.

Winchester Crown Court was told that Phyllis Saville, of Wimborne, died in March because the 14-year-old boy thought that killing her would not cause much trouble. He went up behind Mrs Saville and stabbed her, then went home and put the knife back in a kitchen drawer. He was arrested that day after his parents became suspicious.

Yesterday the boy denied murdering Mrs Saville. The prosecution accepted his plea of guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. Mr Justice Morison ordered that the boy, who was 13 at the time, be detained indefinitely. He said the boy should serve a minimum of eight years.

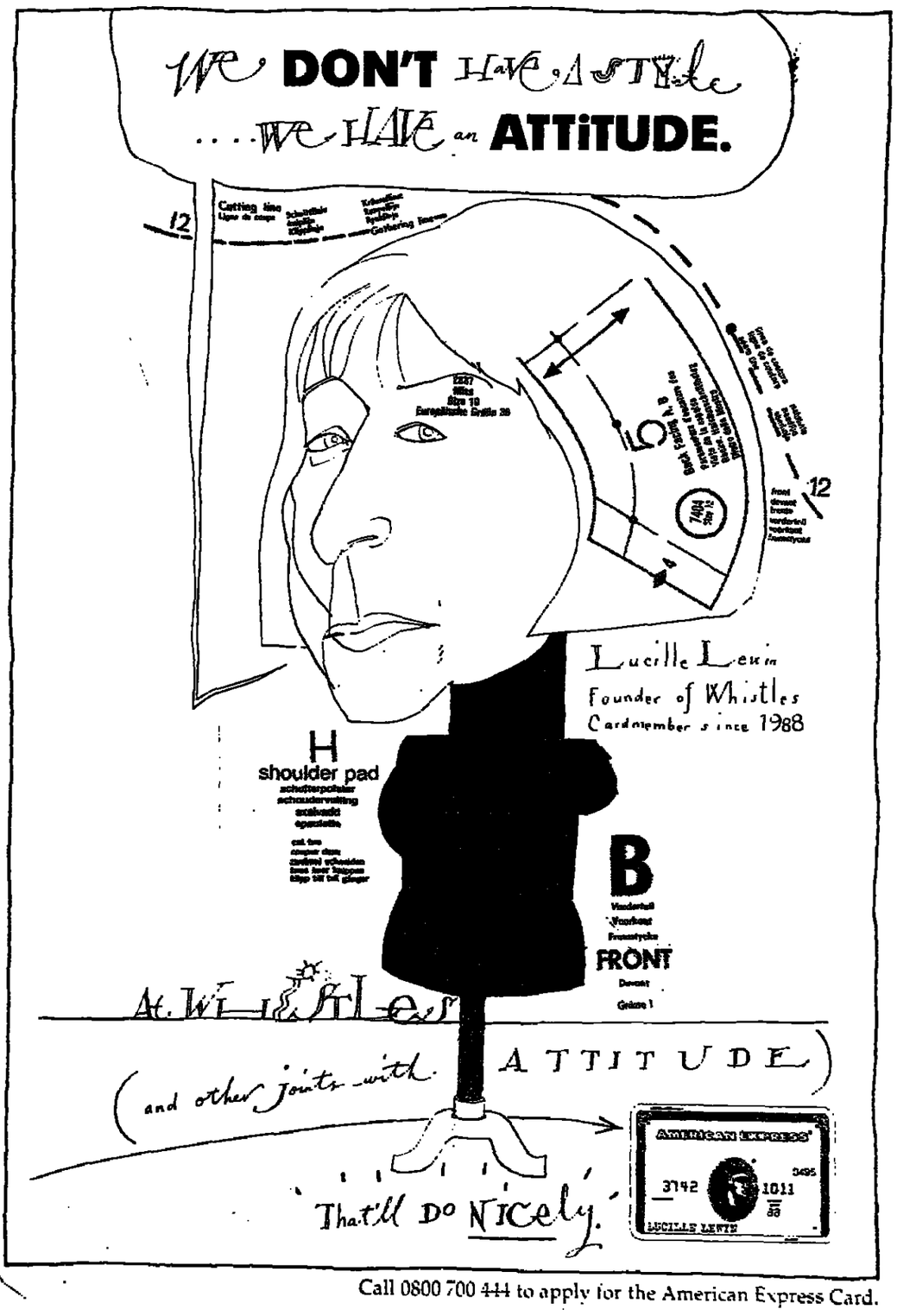
He told the boy: "I want to make it clear that you will never be released until you are no longer a danger to the public. I believe you are a considerable and serious risk to members of the public, particularly elderly women and young children."

The judge said Mrs Saville died "simply because she happened to be where you were that day. She did not deserve to die in that shocking way. I accept without hesitation that at the time you pushed the knife into her your mind was substantially impaired."

John Spokes, QC, for the prosecution, said: "It appears he approached her from behind and chose an elderly lady, not to rob her, not because he knew her, not for any reason that can be readily understood, but because of her age it was thought by the defendant that killing her would not cause much trouble." He said it was clear the boy was suffering from Asperger's syndrome, which has similarities to autism. Days before the attack he had been seen by a psychiatrist.

Later when interviewed by psychiatrists, the boy told them: "I was going down there on the off-chance of seeing an old lady and unfortunately there was one there. I did not think the knife had touched her. I did not think she could have felt it — she only realised when she saw the knife. If she was walking towards me it wouldn't have happened. I did not want to hurt anyone."

Professor Digby Tantum said that before the killing the boy had developed a fascination with horror stories, professional wrestling and lifts. Dr Eileen Vizard, a specialist in child psychiatry, said she believed the boy needed to be treated in secure accommodation for at least 10 years.



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Old couple died from shock after break-in

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A COUPLE who had been married for 58 years died from shock after discovering a break-in at their home, police said yesterday.

Maud Essery, 86, collapsed after being told by her husband Philip, 83, on Monday evening that a window had been forced at their home in Sparkbrook, Birmingham. He called an ambulance, but when it arrived the crew found him dead in the living room. Mrs Essery died in hospital.

The couple, who recently had become great-grandparents, had been broken into three times before.

A neighbour, Harry Wilson, said: "They used to be so outgoing but over the last 18 months they became very poorly and I blame the burglaries for that. It was difficult to check up on old folk like the Esserys because they were afraid to open their door to you, even in broad daylight."

Detective Inspector Bob Ash said: "I am satisfied that the shock of discovering the break-in led to their deaths."

Fake coffee salesman jailed for six months

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who made £40,000 by selling counterfeit Maxwell House coffee from the boot of his Rolls-Royce was jailed for six months yesterday.

David McKay, 45, filled catering-size tins with a home-made blend of inferior Brazilian coffee and chicory and then stuck on fake Maxwell House labels. He sold the tins to market traders and lorry drivers who distributed it as far afield as France and Greece, Oxford Crown Court was told.

Nigel Daly, for the prosecution, said the scam came to light when customers complained about the "disgusting" beverage to Kraft Jacob Suchard, the manufacturer of Maxwell House, and to trading standards officers.

McKay had previously duped customers with a fake brand of Nescafé and netted £3,500 a week before Nestlé took out an injunction to stop him. McKay, of Watford, Hertfordshire, admitted conspiring to obtain property by deception.

MPs demand revival of high street shopping

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE era of the giant out-of-town retail centre must end to save Britain's high street "shopping heritage", MPs said yesterday. In a strongly worded Commons report, ministers were roundly criticised for allowing the spread of huge shopping centres in spite of a decade of protest from retailers and shoppers.

The Commons Environment Select Committee demanded a two-pronged campaign to revitalise high streets by making them more attractive and imposing stricter planning controls on retail giants. The MPs pressed for an end to confusion over planning rules, which both encourage and discourage car parking in town centres.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, is expected to respond by pressing local authorities to increase the amount of town-centre parking for shoppers. The cross-party committee wants better and more secure town-centre parking to help high streets to compete with out-of-town facilities. Ministers are also called on to change planning guidance to ensure that superstores are built in or on the edge of town centres.

The MPs dismissed as "baseless" the claims made by superstores that town-centre development would lead to higher carbon dioxide emissions by cars. A detailed review of shopping patterns and their environmental effect was needed in the absence of reliable research, the MPs said.

The recommendations were welcomed by environmentalists, consumer organisations and the Government, which has announced its intention to reverse the growth in out-of-town shopping and to make people less dependent on cars.



Simons: "Customers prefer high streets"

Somerfield, one of the leading food retailers, accused the MPs of "shutting the garage doors after the Volvo has bolted" because of the large number of out-of-town shopping centres that already had planning permission.

Evidence to the committee pointed out that out-of-town centres made shopping difficult for those without cars and the MPs pressed for all shoppers to have access "to a wide range and choice of convenient and attractive shopping facilities".

The committee said: "Regardless of what has happened in the past, the task now at hand is to regenerate and sustain the nation's shopping heritage, to ensure that future retail change takes place within a clear, consistent and strategic framework and to make shopping facilities available to all."

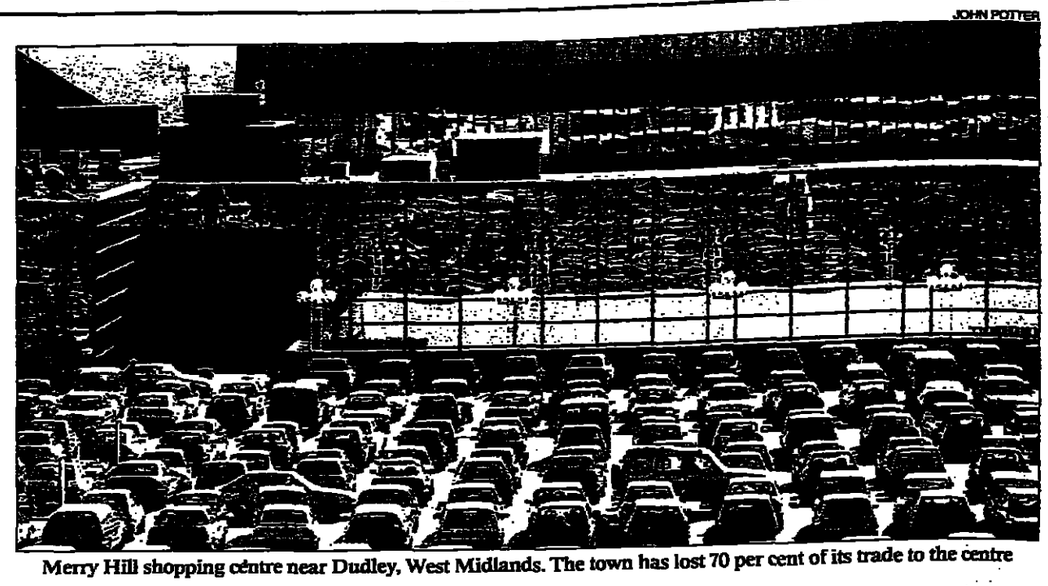
Mr Gummer said: "When I first proposed that we had to ensure town centres remained the focus of town life, particularly shopping, the pundits proclaimed that the public were not with us. Now we have the vindication of widespread support from Parliament and the public."

David Simons, chief executive of Somerfield, which owns the Gateway chain that is based mainly in town centres, said: "For social, emotional and practical reasons, the millions of ordinary people who are our customers prefer shopping on high streets and town centres to out-of-town superstores."

The Civic Trust, which campaigns for the revitalisation of town centres, said the report was "excellent and timely". No more out-of-town developments should be allowed.

Michael Meacher, the shadow Transport Secretary, said the report showed many of the country's transport problems stemmed from the Government's over-reliance on market forces, which had "allowed a developers' free for all on out-of-town sites".

JOHN POTTER



Merry Hill shopping centre near Dudley, West Midlands. The town has lost 70 per cent of its trade to the centre

Tesco defends out-of-town centres

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TESCO defended the popularity of out-of-town superstores last night after the critical report by MPs.

The company has built 80 such stores in the past ten years. A spokesman said they were "essential for those carrying heavy shopping, or have young children. The average weekly family shopping at Tesco weighs 80lb and fills six bags."

Superstores and out-of-town shopping centres, now out of favour with politicians and planners, sprang up all over Britain in the past two decades, often blighting traditional high streets. Welcomed as an answer to congestion in town centres, edge-of-town superstores were being built at a rate of 80 a year before John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, announced a reversal in government policy in February.

Research by Verdict, the retail analyst, showed earlier this year that a quarter of all retail sales were from out-of-town locations; in 1980 the proportion was 5 per cent. Many high-street shops had closed down. Those remaining were often taken on short leases by charities or discount traders.

However, out-of-town development had slowed markedly before the shift in government policy. Leading food retailers were already realising that they were in danger of building more superstores than the public wanted.

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War of the Roses battlefield to be a housing estate

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A PROPOSED register of historic battlefields drawn up by English Heritage has failed to prevent the go-ahead for a housing development on one of the most important sites of the Wars of the Roses.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has given approval for 284 houses to be built by Bovis on a meadow at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, where the forces of Edward IV and Margaret of Anjou met in bloody conflict in 1471, close to the town's medieval abbey. The field is one of 41 listed on the English Heritage register.

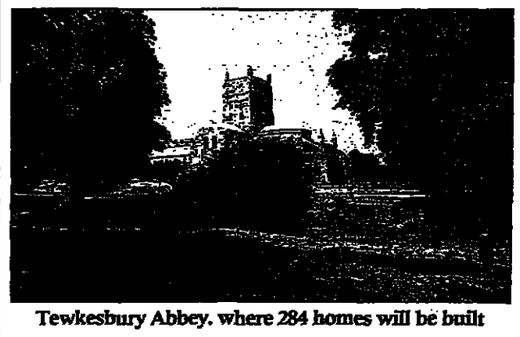
Proposed development of the site was the subject of a planning inquiry in 1991. In an interim judgment last year, the Secretary of State announced that he was minded to grant approval for the homes, which are to be built on the south side of the town in an area known as Margaret's Camp. The site is close to the remains of a medieval manor house, an ancient monument.

The battlefield register, launched in September as a provisional list, is out for consultation with local authorities and other interested bodies. In his ruling, Mr Gummer said that he had given the register little weight in his decision, as it was still liable to revision.

English Heritage said yesterday that it had been unable to use the battlefield register at the inquiry as evidence against development as it had not then been drawn up.

Objectors to the development expressed disappointment that English Heritage had not been more effective in preventing planning approval. Robert Gillespie, a Swindon planning consultant who has fought the scheme, said: "The Secretary of State's decision is premature, as the consultation process on the battlefield register is incomplete. It could well be that he has predetermined the outcome of that process. He is hiding behind procedures rather than addressing the merits of a battlefield against a housing proposal."

During the battle the Yorkist forces of King Edward slaughtered some 2,000 Lancastrians under Margaret, wife of the deposed Henry VI. Many traces of the battle remain, including memorials in the nearby abbey.



Tewkesbury Abbey, where 284 homes will be built

Poet's boots fetch £650

THE son of the war poet Siegfried Sassoon sold off the family heirlooms yesterday — including his father's boots — to pay his crippling Lloyd's debts.

George Sassoon, 59, could not bear to watch as bidding opened for Sassoon's hobnail boots, which he wore in the trenches during the First World War. Mr Sassoon left the room as Sue Cox, an historian, successfully bid £650 for the battered hobnails, one of 560 prized possessions under the hammer. But after the sale raised £340,000, he said: "This should keep Lloyd's at bay for a bit."

A picture painted by Siegfried's friend William Roberts, depicting infantrymen alongside a trench, fetched £34,000 while the poet's grand piano, engraved with the initials SS, was sold for £2,000.

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Potter calls the tune at memorial service

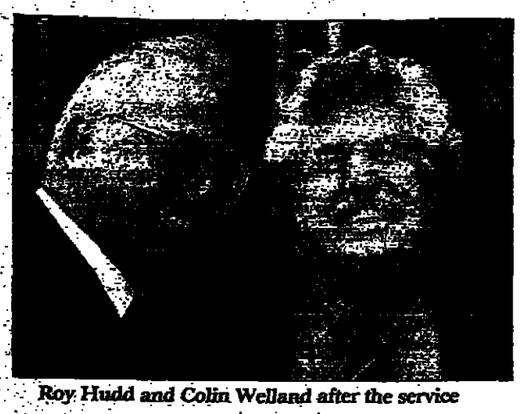
BY ALAN HAMILTON

DENNIS Potter, the television playwright who died earlier this year, could well have written his own memorial service yesterday, blending the religious and the secular with an ambiguity reminiscent of his own controversial but widely admired work for the small screen.

Family, friends, actors and television executives filled St James's Church, Piccadilly, for a celebration that was part church service and part concert party. The clergy processed to a quintet that properly belonged to a Locarno ballroom of the 1950s playing the theme from one of Potter's most celebrated serial, *Pennies From Heaven*.

Potter, as in all things, did not accept religion at its face value. He was an irritant to those who were comfortable in their beliefs, and just as much of an irritant to the unbelieving, the Rev Donald Reeves, vicar of St James's, said. The playwright regarded religion as one of life's wounds rather than a bandage.

The readings were from Potter's own work. Alan Rickman read from his autobiographical *Mesmer*. Cheryl Campbell and Freddie Jones re-enacted a scene from *Pennies From Heaven*, and the television executives Michael Grade and Alan Yentob, assisted by Kenith Trodd, the producer with whom Potter fell out, performed another scene from the same, with Mr Trodd taking the part of the sheet music salesman.



Roy Hudd and Colin Welland after the service

Mr Trodd recalled that, at one of their last meetings, Potter confessed to one real fear of death — "and that is you might get asked to speak at my memorial service". Even the hymns had Potter associations. *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* he recalled from his chapel upbringing in the Forest Of Dean, and the words to Parry's *Jerusalem* are so obfuscatory that they might have been by Potter rather than Blake.

But there is nothing ambiguous about the words of *Roll Along Prairie Moon*, used in *Pennies From Heaven*, played in this instance on the organ and stopped halfway through by the vicar with an admonishment in true music-hall style that the audience could do better.

Memorial services are about nostalgia, an emotion that Potter appeared to tackle in *Blue Remembered Hills*, but which he stood on its head. His daughter Sarah, 33, said in an address: "Nostalgia is a cheap and second-rate emotion far too readily at beckon." And, lest the congregation should be tempted to wallow in a life past, she added: "My father's work will come again, and all the happy highways where he went; he never chose the low road."

Literalness is clearly too cheap and second-rate for the Potter family but as the man himself once wrote, catchphrases and aphorisms were rarely the work of honest men.

Melvyn Bragg read from Potter's first work, *The Glittering Coffin*, written when he was at New College, Oxford. Imelda Staunton sang *Roses Of Picardy*, and Peter Jeffrey read words on death by Hazlitt: "To die is only to be as we were before we were born."

Among the congregation were the writer's mother Margaret Potter, 83, his sister June Thomas; and his other children Robert and Jane. Yesterday was All Saints' Day, a time for remembering those who have impressed or cheered us. The service closed with a final prayer for his wife Margaret Potter, who impressed and cheered the writer for much of his life, and who died nine days before him.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



Alan Rickman and Sarah Potter, the playwright's daughter, at St James's Church

TGWU staff to strike over 3.5% pay offer

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

STAFF of the Transport and General Workers' Union are to strike tomorrow over pay.

Leaders of the TGWU are trying to limit their embarrassment by closing all the union's offices for the day, including its London headquarters, Transport House. Strikers are unlikely to picket the closed offices of the union.

More than 900 secretaries, cleaners, researchers, media officers, clerical and legal workers, employed by the TGWU and all members of the union, will go on strike after rejecting a pay offer worth 3 to 3.5 per cent after a claim for a "substantial" rise.

Danny Bryan, the union's national officer who negotiates on behalf of staff, said he regretted the strike but that it reflected anger that the union had not properly recognised the contribution made by staff in the last few difficult years.

Bill Morris, TGWU general secretary, said the offer was higher than inflation and greater than many of the union's members had received.

Drug firms asked not to use foetuses for vaccines

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE Chief Medical Officer is to write to pharmaceutical companies asking them to explore ways of making the combined measles and rubella vaccine that does not involve using aborted foetuses.

The Health Department disclosed the move after Dr Kenneth Calman met religious leaders concerned over use of the vaccine because of ethical objections to abortion. Two Roman Catholic boarding schools have decided not to offer the vaccine to their pupils, and Muslim leaders in Leicester have advised parents not to allow their children to be immunised.

The Department of Health said Dr Calman's meeting with Roman Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Evangelical religious leaders produced "general agreement on the value of continuing childhood immunisation".

A department statement said those at the meeting would be issuing advice to their members shortly on the ethical issues raised. However, a spokesman said that the development of new vaccines was a matter for pharmaceutical companies.

Ruling puts solicitors' bills under spotlight

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE people will have the right to challenge a solicitor's bill under changes which came into force yesterday. For the first time, the main beneficiaries of estates where the executors are solicitors will be able to challenge the solicitor's bill and seek a certificate that it is fair and reasonable.

But under other changes, clients will usually have to pay half the solicitor's costs and all disbursements and VAT before the solicitor's bill can be challenged.

Nor will the procedure for challenging bills, known as asking the Law Society for a remuneration certificate, be available where a solicitor's costs are more than £50,000.

In those cases people will have to go to court for the bill to be assessed by a taxing officer. The remuneration certificate covers any bills except those relating to court work. It states that the amount charged by the solicitor is fair and reasonable. The service is free and takes about four months.

The Law Society said the new package of measures was aimed at reducing the scope for disagreement between solicitors and clients.

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Tickets for the National Lottery go on sale on Monday November 14, and with a top prize of £2m expected when the first draw takes place on Saturday November 19, lottery fever is starting to grip the nation. *The Times*, in association with *The Sunday Times*, is offering readers an additional chance to become overnight millionaires with our great lottery tickets prize draw.

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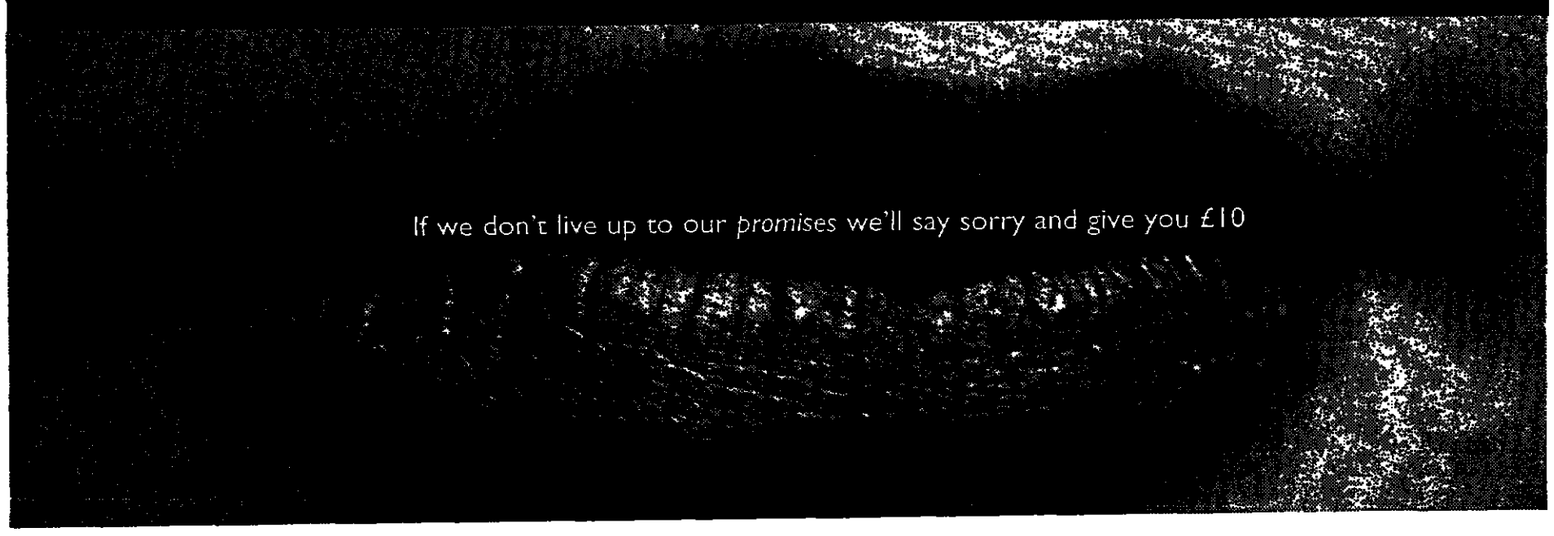
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Masons to vote on £20m sale of historic hospital

BY ANDREW PIERCE

LEADERS of Britain's Freemasons will meet next month to decide whether to sever a 60-year link with the Royal Masonic Hospital in London.

The independent hospital, which has been losing £2 million a year, could be sold on the open market for up to £20 million. But the sale can be sanctioned only if 75 per cent of the hospital's "governors" — innumerable Masons who have contributed at least £10.50 towards its upkeep — vote to wind up the registered charity that runs the hospital.

The hospital, which is set in eight acres of ground at Hammersmith, was opened in 1933 by George V. It was intended as a centre for sick Masons but only 10 per cent of the fees at the 200-bed hospital are derived from the movement.

The financial consultants Coopers & Lybrand were sent into the hospital by the Charity Commissioners earlier this year to draw up a rescue plan. Malcolm London, of Coopers & Lybrand, who was appointed receiver and manager, has cut 60 jobs and the hospital has moved back into the black.

A meeting will be held at Wembley Conference Centre on December 5 to which the governors of the hospital have been invited.

The last time the proposal was put to a vote in 1983 it was rejected. A committee chaired by Lord Justice Drake had recommended the sale of the hospital but thousands of governors of the hospital rejected the proposal.

In 1991, after another dispute about the constitution of the hospital, the Duke of Kent and Prince Michael of Kent resigned as president and vice-president.

Elaine Warburton, the hospital's director of marketing, said: "If the charity is dissolved, the hospital will have a viable future. We will be able to go ahead and market it at home and abroad. There is obviously a great sentimental bond between some of the Masons and the hospital. A hard-core contingent wants the link to stay."

Commander Michael Higham, grand secretary of the Freemasons, said: "Many Freemasons are extremely fond of the idea of the hospital. But many also see that if it is not doing the job it was designed for, there is an argument that the charity should be wound up and the money applied to something else."

It is thought the hospital, which includes Grade II listed buildings, could fetch between £15 million and £20 million. If the vote is carried, a further meeting will be held in April at which a special committee would report on what to do with the proceeds of the sale. The hospital would also have to be renamed.

If the vote is lost the matter will be referred to the High Court. There are more than 300,000 Masons in Britain.

PETER TREVNOR



Sir Anthony: "Doctors should be aware of pitfalls"

Charity for doctors in trouble faces financial shortfall

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, founded in 1836 to aid doctors who have fallen on hard times, faces a £200,000 deficit by the end of the next financial year.

Sir Anthony Dawson, physician to the Queen from 1982 until last year, has laid part of the blame for the extra burden faced by the charity on the stress created by the Government's health reforms. The British Medical Association cited the extra workload on doctors as the principal factor for the drain on the charity.

In the first eight months of the year the fund handed out nearly £500,000 compared with £400,000 for the same period last year. Legacies are no longer sufficient to cover the deficit.

Sir Anthony, a new vice-chairman of the charity who has taken responsibility for fundraising, issued an urgent call for help from colleagues. "Doctors should be aware more than anyone of the pitfalls in medical life," he said. "A lot of doctors are not good business managers. They do not go into the profession to become a businessman."

The fund is the only one that provides continuous financial help to doctors and their dependents. It provides emergency payments and gives short-term support to cover school fees.

Sir Anthony said he was not asking the public to help. "The medical profession is wealthy enough," he said. "As professional people doctors should be prepared to covenant up to £100. It is vital that we review all possible resources to enable us to do our work as we must."

There are about 100,000 registered doctors in the country and only 10 per cent are members. The BMA, which represents doctors working in the health service, said: "In the last few years doctors' workload has increased considerably and perhaps attention to personal finances has suffered."

Consultants tell trust director to resign

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CONSULTANTS at an NHS trust hospital are demanding the resignation of the medical director after he told a specialist being made redundant to clear his desk in three hours.

A row about the management style of Burnley Health Care NHS Trust has been simmering for over a year. This week, the consultants said that if the medical director, Dr Sam Pickens, did not resign in 48 hours they would pass a vote of no-confidence in him. They say he has "forfeited the trust of his colleagues and the medical advisory committee" in backing the summary dismissal of Ian Mahady, a consultant gynaecologist.

Mr Mahady was made redundant in September because the trust said it did not have enough contracts to employ four gynaecologists.

Mr Mahady's colleagues said he had strongly opposed trust status for the hospital. The trust said there would be an inquiry into his dismissal.

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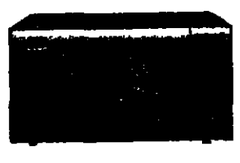


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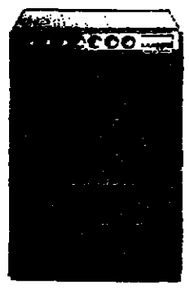
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Opening lead ♥K

(1) Stayman, asking for four-card major suit

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The declarer ducks the first heart and wins the continuation. How should he continue?

Answer: I have put in this elementary hand as a filter for my Thursday articles. If you find it difficult, your game may need a little coaching.

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It is a simple matter to develop a ninth by leading low to the ten of spades. The trap is to try the diamonds first. If you do that, West will have enough tricks to beat the contract when he gets in with the queen of spades.

In Thursday's articles I will be running a refresher course. I hope to remind those who have forgotten, or never understood, of the logical way to think about bridge. My first reminder will be on how strong do you have to be to open the bidding, and what is the reasoning behind it.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Salov's win

Valery Salov, the Russian grandmaster, scored a triumph in the Sicilian Defence thematic tournament in Buenos Aires, finishing ahead of many of the strongest players of the day including Viswanathan Anand (India), the Fide champion Anatoly Karpov (Russia), Judit Polgar (Hungary), Alexei Shirov (Latvia) and Gata Kamsky, America's top player. In the following game, Salov dispatches the world ranked number five player Vassily Ivanchuk.

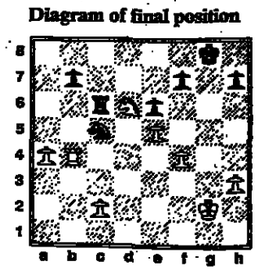
White: Valery Salov
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Buenos Aires, October 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	d6
6	g3	g6
7	Nde2	Bd7
8	Bg2	Bg7
9	h3	Qc8
10	b3	0-0
11	Bb2	a5
12	a3	Ra6
13	Rb1	Na7
14	Nf4	Re8
15	Ncd5	Nxd5
16	Nxd5	Bxb2
17	Rxb2	e4
18	bxa4	Nc6
19	Nb6	Qc7
20	Nd5	Qc8
21	Qd2	Ne5
22	Rb4	Bxa4
23	0-0	Bc6
24	Ra1	Nd7
25	e4	Qd8
26	Qh6	e6
27	Ne3	Qf6
28	Rd1	g5
29	Qxf6	Nxf6
30	Rxd6	Rea8
31	e5	Bxg2
32	Rxa6	Rxa6
33	Kxg2	Nd7
34	Nc4	Rc8
35	f4	gxf4
36	gxf4	Nc5
37	Nd6	

Black lost on time

Diagram of final position



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Pupils must resit 11-plus after heads leak papers

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 18,000 children in Northern Ireland will have to resit their 11-plus tests after pupils at four schools saw the papers before sitting their examinations.

Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland education minister, said the decision was the fairest way of resolving the problem which he blamed on a "grave error of judgment" by one school principal.

The minister scrapped the test yesterday after teachers at four schools inadvertently used the paper for a trial run before pupils sat the real examination last month. The schools were handed the paper after a principal, who had been asked by the Northern Ireland Office's education department to comment on the questions, passed the papers to another head teacher.

Mr Ancram, who did not name the two principals, said: "It would appear that the person who was shown the papers did not appreciate the status of the documents, and believed that the questions were merely examples. Consequently, the second person felt free to copy the papers and to make available further copies to other schools as examples of practical materials." Up to a hundred pupils saw the paper, and there were reports that other schools obtained copies.

The minister said he would not be taking action against the two principals because he was satisfied there had been no malicious intent. But he added: "I believe that a grave error of judgment has been made. I am very angry."

Mr Ancram said that the blunder had given a small, but unquantifiable, number of pupils an unfair advantage. All 18,400 pupils taking the 11-plus in Northern Ireland would therefore resit the examination on December 7. A second test on November 25 is also to be rewritten.

The minister said in a letter to parents yesterday: "I wish to reiterate my regret for the extra pressure that has been put on your child and my anger at what has occurred ... In the interests of fairness no other course is open to me."

Parents and teachers, who were furious with the two principals for leaking the examination, said they feared that children would be unsettled by having to resit tests. Gordon Andrews, of the Parents Action Group for Education, said: "They are going to have to sit three tests instead of the two they were expecting. This will put even more stress and strain on them."

David Allen, of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council, said the principals should be disciplined. "I regard it as gross misconduct. They are a discredit to the teaching profession. They should be dismissed." The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers said Mr Ancram had made the only fair decision.

Pupils sit the 11-plus tests for entry to grammar schools. They normally sit two main tests in the autumn term.



Ancram: "Very angry" at principals' blunder



JULIAN HERBERT

Crawley and Horsham Hunt in pursuit of the fox yesterday, the first day of the season. No saboteurs were in sight, despite police concerns that they might obstruct the hunt

Foxhunts welcome new law against saboteurs

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE fox-hunting season officially opened yesterday with sportsmen claiming the new Criminal Justice Bill would "put an end to the hunt saboteurs' reign of intimidation".

The British Field Sports Society said the legislation, which is about to be enacted, would allow groups to hunt without obstruction and violence. Alastair Jackson, of the society, said: "We have lobbied long and hard for this law and we are pleased with the result.

"Previously, police have been unable to intervene even if protesters were wearing balaclavas and holding sticks and clearly trying to intimidate us. They had to commit an offence before they would be removed. The new law will mean that many hunts will no longer need stewards to keep people off private land."

Clause 63 of the Bill makes it an offence for a trespasser in the open air or a non-trespasser on a highway to attempt to disrupt or obstruct an activity taking place in the open air.

Mr Jackson conceded that huntsmen sometimes did hit out at saboteurs, but "only under extreme provocation". He said hunting was "more popular than at any time in history" after a campaign last year.

However, the League Against Cruel Sports says that each of the country's 200 hunts attracted only about three new members, while 4,000 people joined the anti-hunting lobby.

Kevin Saunders, the league's spokesman, said: "We are not involved in the actions of saboteurs and have always believed laws provided adequate protection against assault." The new Act would drive extremists underground, he said.

"The real issue is the cruelty of the sport and although the season is now officially open, hounds have been hunting fox cubs since early August."

Laura Davies cash unspent

BY NIGEL HAWKES

ABOUT £300,000 collected to help Laura Davies, the five-year-old who died after multiple transplant operations in America, remains unspent a year after her death.

Billy Reay, a publican who launched the Laura Davies appeal with his wife Gail from their pub in Eccles, Greater Manchester, said yesterday: "I am angry and upset that nothing has been done with the money. It's really annoying. All my customers keep asking what's happened to it and I have to keep telling them we've got no say in it."

The fund raised more than £1 million and enabled Laura to travel to Pittsburgh for two multiple transplants. Since she died, the appeal fund has paid for a £600 plaque in her memory at Eccles Library, but the rest of the money remains unspent. The cash is in the hands of Salford and Trafford Health Authority, which helped to run the appeal.

Dr Ian Greatorex, chief executive of the authority, said: "We have to fulfil our public responsibility, and we will. But it has taken time, because of the reorganisation of the authority and because we had to be sure that we had paid all Laura's bills."

BT brings back letter dials

BY A STAFF REPORTER

LETTERS are returning to telephone numbers in a move that has less to do with any nostalgia for Scotland Yard's Whitehall 1212 than with canny commercialism.

After seeing the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency milk money out of selling prized personal number plates, British Telecom has found more than 100 companies willing to pay £1,200 a year for personalised telephone numbers. The numbers, when translated into letters, spell the company's name or slogan.

The success of the venture depends on callers having letters on their phone dials, something BT abandoned 15 years ago. But the company is bringing them back and new phones now bear the letters ABC for 2, DEF for 3, and so on. BT's fee for special letter numbers is £300 a quarter, instead of the usual £50.

The use of letter codes in America is widespread and has helped thousands of firms to make their numbers more easily remembered — such as 0800 WRENCH for a plumber or 0800 GARAGE.

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Forgers fool art world with Moore sculptures

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

THE art market is being flooded with forgeries of sculptures and drawings by Henry Moore. The Hertfordshire-based Henry Moore Foundation, which looks after the artist's estate, has files bulging with as many as 350 different cases of fakes.

They represent only a small proportion of what is circulating on the market, according to Julie Summers, the foundation's deputy curator, writing in the *Art Newspaper* yesterday.

The foundation knows of 150 fake sculptures, which cost the forger a few hundred pounds to cast and can sell for tens of thousands, and almost 200 fake drawings and a handful of fake graphics. "It is particularly worrying to see that they are being purchased and sold by innocent parties," Mrs Summers said.

Even during the artist's lifetime, forgers were faking his work. Moore, who died in 1986, expressed concern about its effect on his market. He would be shocked by the scale of the forgers' activities today.

Mrs Summers explained that fake Henry Moore sculptures fall into various categories. Apart from misattributed works, there are sculptures deliberately made in the style of Moore — but not actually based on a known work — which make up some 30 per cent of all fakes. The fakes causing greatest concern to the foundation are the copies of known and recorded casts: "These are difficult to spot and have been known to slip through the net and to be sold as genuine Moores."

She said: "Some are quite convincing and it is only when they are compared with a cast of the genuine sculpture that it becomes obvious that the fake is of a different quality." A cast of a cast is slightly smaller than the original as bronze shrinks as it cools.

"Reclining Figure: Circle", 1983, seems to be the most widely reproduced piece. In 1989, the foundation was approached by a Swiss auction house asking for a certificate of authentication for a work it was to sell. Its 33cm size, against the 15cm maquette and the 89cm larger version, gave it away. Not only was the signature wrong, but the edition number did not match Moore's working methods.

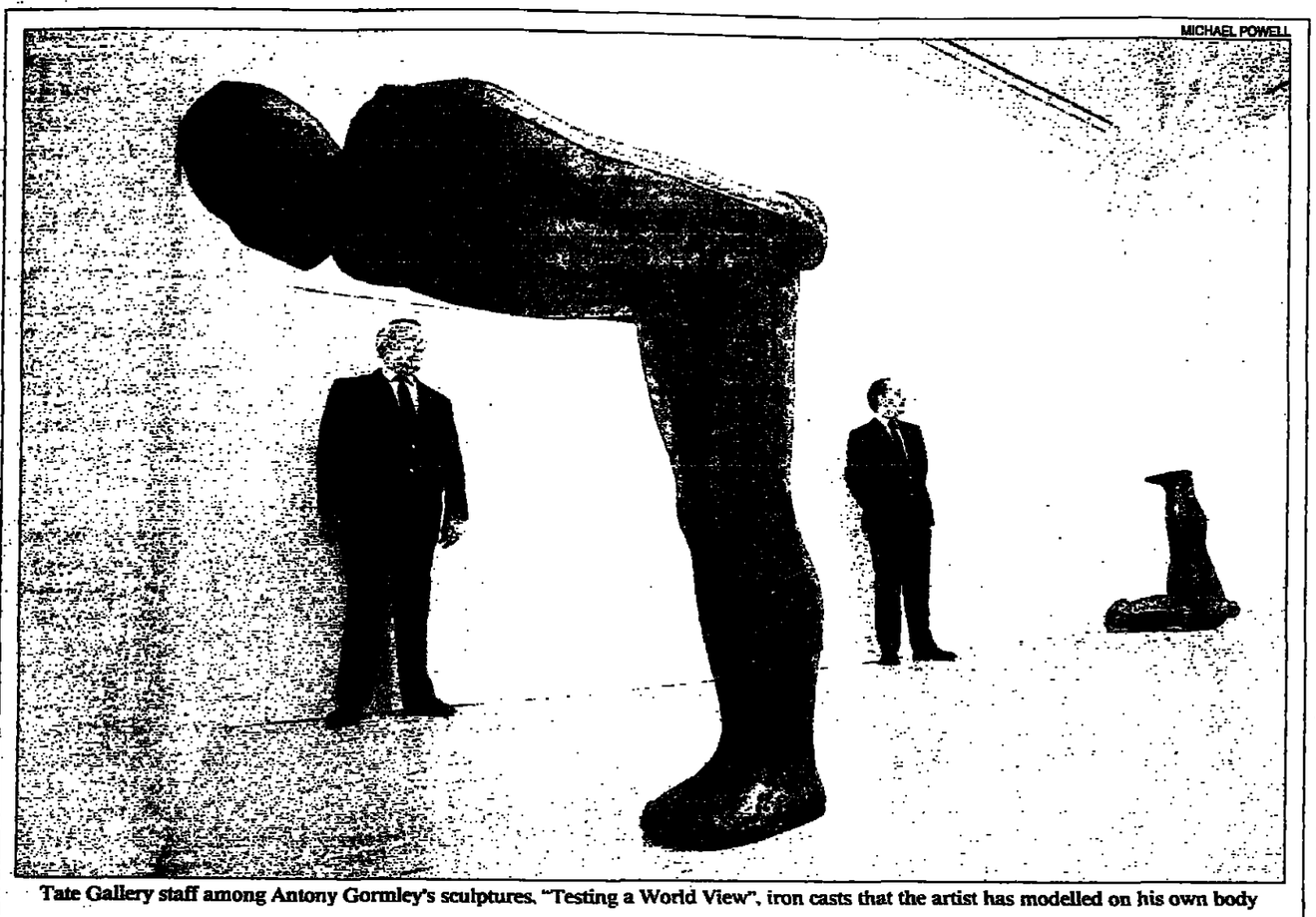
In another case, an authentication certificate was dated four years before Moore conceived the piece. A third example concerned a sculpture donated to an American museum and subsequently bought by a Massachussetts dealer. He managed to claim back his money from an auction house from whom he bought the work, but reported later that the same auction house was selling the same cast again.

The foundation provides a free authentication service. Members of the committee are Alan Bowness, director of the foundation; Bernard Meadows, who worked as an assistant to Moore; and David Mitchinson, who worked for Moore from 1968.



Moore: was worried by spread of fakes

MICHAEL POWELL



Tate Gallery staff among Antony Gormley's sculptures, "Testing a World View", iron casts that the artist has modelled on his own body

Tate unveils entries for Turner Prize

By Our Arts Correspondent

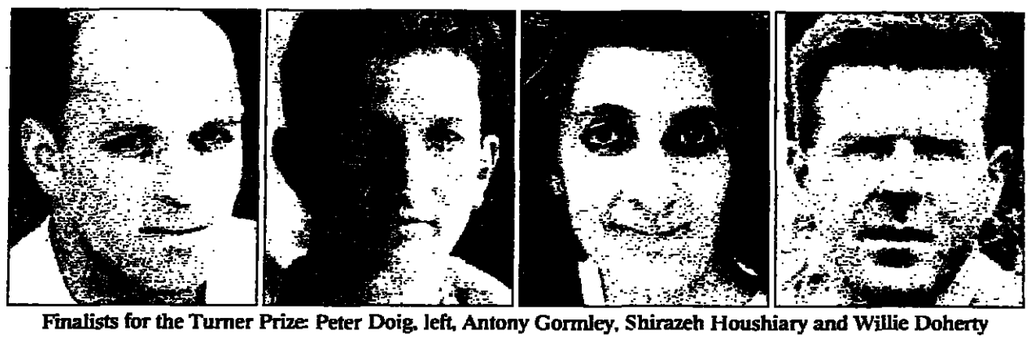
SCULPTURES, paintings and a video by the four artists shortlisted for the 1994 Turner Prize will be unveiled today at the Tate Gallery. Willie Doherty, Peter Doig, Antony Gormley and Shirazeh Houshiary are competing for a £20,000 prize.

The winner will be announced on November 22. Mr Doherty will be showing two 30-minute films of a night-time car journey and the view from a stationary car. The artist said that his soundtrack, in which a man imagines being both victim and perpetrator of a violent terrorist act, was about "anxiety, fear and paranoia".

Mr Doig is showing a series of paintings inspired by housing blocks designed by Le Corbusier.

Mr Gormley's display includes five iron casts of his own body. He said: "I don't see them as being mine. Once out there, they become everybody. It is not about self-portraiture, but me using the body as a dance might — as an instrument."

Ms Houshiary's contribution is a series of five lead cubes that illustrate geometric space and reflection. The exhibition, which runs until December 4, is likely to boost attendance figures which last Sunday broke the gallery's record. Within four hours, the Tate had 19,468 visitors. Its previous record, achieved in February 1993, was fewer than 15,000. Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, said: "These artists test our responses to the world that surrounds us. Their work enhances our perception and makes us reflect on what it means to be alive at the end of the 20th century."



Finalists for the Turner Prize: Peter Doig, left, Antony Gormley, Shirazeh Houshiary and Willie Doherty

NEWS IN BRIEF

Youth dies after blood is refused

A teenage Jehovah's Witness died because he refused to have a blood transfusion after breaking a leg in a motorcycle accident. Doctors wanted him to have a transfusion so that they could operate.

David Smith, 17, and his family refused permission and he died 12 hours later. His parents, George and Pat Smith, of Redcar, Cleveland, refused to talk about their son's death. Middlesbrough General Hospital said: "We do not discuss individual cases but a patient is allowed to decline treatment."

Escaper injured

A remand prisoner aged 17 was seriously ill after falling 40ft from a motorway bridge in an escape attempt. He jumped from a slow-moving prison van on the M32 in Bristol as he was being returned to Horfield Prison.

Small sting

Police in the Operation Bumblebee crackdown on burglary arrived at a suspect's home to find he was only 10. The boy was taken with his parents to Broadbury Road police station, Bristol, where he admitted two offences of burglary.

Case adjourned

Wyn Jones, 51, the former Metropolitan Police assistant commissioner accused of stealing food and wine worth £24, had his case adjourned in his absence for three weeks at Bow Street Magistrates' Court.

Girl dies in fire

A girl aged four died in a fire believed to have been caused by a Hallowe'en lantern. Firefighters pulled Angela Dimery from the living room of her home in Plymouth but attempts to revive her failed.

£1m bond win

This month's £1 million National Savings Premium Bond jackpot winner is the holder of bond number 22BT 567204, who lives in Walsall, West Midlands, and has a holding of £1,380.

Arise Sir Peter Preston, saviour of the Tory party whips

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Peter Preston, the editor of *The Guardian*, deserves a knighthood in the next round of honours for Fleet Street editors (if there is one), "for services to the Tory whips' office". The affair of the House of Commons writing paper and the bogus fax has given the whips an ideal opportunity to distract attention from the central questions of the conduct of MPs and appointments to public bodies. The Labour leadership has consequently shifted its public attack to Post Office privatisation and tax increases.

Whenever MPs are united in furious indignation, it is time to wonder what they are trying to hide. The Tory whips rather overdid their diversionary tactics yesterday as former minister after former minister jumped up at Prime Minister's questions to denounce Mr Preston in vitriolic terms.

The objections of MPs to the letter and Mr Preston's explanations are genuine and widely held, as will be clear from this afternoon's debate — and are shared by Labour leaders. Mr Preston's tactics, contorted logic and bizarre association with Mr Al-Fayed are open to question. And nothing has emerged in *The Guardian* or elsewhere that should affect Jonathan Aitken's ability to remain as Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

The issue is more one of proportion. The affair has excited the Tories' hyperactive tendency, such as Dame Jill Knight and Roger Gale, who regard the media as being as treasonable as Guy Fawkes, and with similar intentions. The Tories' buffoon tendency has been to the fore with the boorish David Evans making one of his all too-familar crassly self-indulgent interventions citing his wife's views. If anyone is demeaning the House of Commons, it is the likes of Mr Evans, whose vulgarity makes the populist Geoffrey Dickens seem like a fastidious recluse.

The behaviour of *The Guardian* over the Commons writing paper is a secondary matter, however questionable it may appear. Asking the Privileges Committee to *investigate it, as the Commons will* certainly decide today, will assuage MPs' feelings of outrage and give some Tories a sense that they are getting their own back on the media. But Mr Preston's tactics have enabled to the Tory whips to steer public discussion into this self-righteous cul de sac.

MPs delude themselves if they believe, as some evidently do, that this is all that matters. The excesses of some tabloids have given the public little reason to respect the press. But the public has little time for politicians either. According to a Harris poll for ITN last week, *two-thirds of the public believe that* MPs' standards have declined severely since 1979 and a similar proportion think that MPs should not be permitted to take *any* paid employment other than their parliamentary salary.

Parliament has to regain public confidence. That requires tightening up its rules over outside interests, together with more open monitoring of such procedures if self-regulation is to be maintained. Parliament also has to show that it can monitor the executive and hold ministers to account.

At present, the Commons can *easily be by-passed* and it is largely irrelevant in discussing new European proposals or Budget options. The shift last year to a unified Budget combining tax and spending measures has further reduced the scope for parliamentary debate about the main choices on fiscal policy.

These are all real priorities for the Commons. Attacking *The Guardian* is a largely irrelevant sideshow. Mr Preston's approach has made such scapegoating easier. Many editors have done much less for their knighthoods.

PETER RIDDELL

Benn's threat casts questions inquiry into confusion

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BENN'S threat to report private meetings of the Commons cash-for-questions inquiry forced the Privileges Committee to break up in confusion last night.

A meeting that was planned to decide whether the inquiry should be held in public was dominated by Mr Benn's warning, issued on Monday, that he would publish his own reports of proceedings held in private.

David Tredinnick and Graham Riddick, two Tory MPs accused of being prepared to accept £1,000 for asking Commons questions, were called into the committee after waiting for nearly two hours to give evidence.

The committee then adjourned until next month to decide on whether to meet in private. Tony Newton, the chairman, said in a statement: "The committee did not feel able to interview the witnesses today without giving them the opportunity to consider and, if necessary, take advice, upon the position created by Mr Benn's statement. It will meet at the earliest practicable time to consider further how to proceed."

The committee's lengthy private meeting continued a day in which both sides were determined to hold to their respective lines over the high-profile investigation. Labour MPs insisted that they would not withdraw their threat to boycott the inquiry unless hearings were held in public except when there were "clear and compelling" reasons to meet in private.

Tory MPs, who form the majority of the committee, appeared to be hardening their line, having been buoyed by Monday's Commons vote in favour of the committee deciding how to proceed.

Although both sides said they hoped to reach a compromise, neither of the main parties was willing to shift its ground substantially. Doug Hoyle, chairman of the Labour parliamentary party, and a committee member, rejected Tory claims that a public hearing would lead to wild allegations being made. "We are talking about senior members of the House of Commons, responsible people who are asking questions. There are not going to be wild allegations."

At the heart of the argument between the two parties is whether there should be a change to the Commons precedent that has led to all previous Privileges Committee inquiries being held in private.

The secrecy in which MPs' and outsiders' alleged misdemeanors are investigated has given the committee a unique influence within Parliament. However, the committee's bark has rarely been matched by its bite as MPs have frequently backed away from imposing tough punishment.

The present 17-strong committee, which includes two Cabinet ministers and four Privy Counsellors, has not sat since it was formed after the last general election. Although the committee has power to imprison offenders, the sanction has not been used for 162 years.

In recent years, the most common breaches of parliamentary privilege have been committed by journalists publishing details of select committee reports that had not been published formally. In 1986 Richard Evans, then a lobby journalist for *The Times*, escaped punishment when the Commons voted against his supension after he leaked a draft select committee report on radioactive waste.

In 1957, the columnist John Junor was also spared by the Commons after the Privileges Committee pressed for a reprimand over his criticism of MPs for voting in favour of supplying extra petrol rations to party organisations.

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Among the MPs to win promotion in Blair's reshuffle are, from left, Gavin Strang, Dawn Primarolo, Joan Ruddock and Andrew Smith

Tony Blair's new front-bench team

■ Tony Blair, the Labour Party leader, completed his first reshuffle of the Opposition front bench this week. This is the full list, with members of the shadow Cabinet in bold

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Environmental Protection	Joan Ruddock
Scotland	**George Robertson** John McFall Maria Fyfe John McAllion
Northern Ireland	**Marjorie Mowlam** Paul Murphy
National Heritage	**Chris Smith** Graham Allen Mark Fisher Tom Pendry
Trade and Industry	**Jack Cunningham** *Brian Wilson* Stuart Bell Lewis Moonie Nigel Griffiths
Energy	Martin O'Neill
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Wales	**Ron Davies** Win Griffiths Rhodri Morgan
Defence	**David Clark** Derek Fatchett John Reid Eric Martlew
Home Affairs	**Jack Straw** Alun Michael George Howarth Kim Howells
Education	**David Blunkett** Bryan Davies Peter Kilfoyle
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Lord Chancellor's Department	Paul Boateng
Women's Issues	Clare Short
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Clarke urged to cut spending and taxes

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke is being pressed by senior Tory backbenchers to shave £4 billion off public-spending plans to allow a cut in the tax burden for the poorest groups in this month's Budget.

MPs believe that Jonathan Aitken, the Chief Treasury Secretary, can easily undercut next year's planned expenditure total of £263 billion, partly due to low inflation and a faster than expected fall in unemployment.

Senior members of the Tory backbench finance committee argue that the Chancellor should use this month's Budget to raise the threshold for personal allowances, removing some groups, including poorer pensioners, out of tax altogether. "There are no Cabinet ministers briefing against cuts. Mr Aitken is awash with money," one MP said.

Mr Clarke is also being urged by some MPs to widen the 20 per cent tax band and to introduce more measures to remove poverty traps such as the "back-to-work bonus" announced by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, at the Tory conference.

Some backbenchers argue that Mr Clarke should preempt Labour by also announcing tax relief on child care costs. Others are even calling on him to stop the second increase of VAT, which is to rise to 17.5 per cent next April.

One of the main areas of contention during this year's public-spending round is over housing benefit. Mr Aitken is pressing for significant savings in the £8 billion budget but Mr Lilley has so far failed to come up with a solution.

Yesterday Donald Dewar, his Labour shadow, stoked the flames by publishing a letter from Mr Aitken that pointed out that nearly half of all council house tenants had spare rooms provided at the taxpayers' expense.

Mr Dewar immediately raised the spectre of the Government forcing council house tenants out of their houses or cutting their benefit if they had spare rooms. Social security sources pointed out that no such proposals were on the table. Nevertheless, John Major sprang to Mr Aitken's defence during Prime Minister's questions.

"The system of housing benefit we have in place is more generous than you would find anywhere else in the Continent," he said.

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Lib Dems seek poll re-run

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Liberal Democrats begin a High Court challenge today to try to overturn the European Parliament election result in Devon and East Plymouth.

The party, which narrowly lost the seat to the Conservatives in the June elections, claims voters were misled by the appearance on the ballot paper of Richard Huggett, standing as a Literal Democrat candidate. Mr Huggett polled 10,203 in spite of apparently not campaigning, or putting out any literature. Giles Chichester won the seat for the Tories with a majority over Adrian Saunders, the Liberal Democrat, of just 700.

The Liberal Democrats claim that hundreds of their supporters rang their offices afterwards, some in tears, to apologise for voting for the wrong man. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, hopes the High Court will ask for the poll to be re-run.

Off-licence curbs may be lifted

THE Government may allow off-licences to stay open all day on Sundays, Baroness Blatch, a Home Office minister, said yesterday. At present, they may not open on Sundays until noon and must close from 3pm to 7pm.

Lady Blatch told the Lords at question time: "The Government is considering whether to consult publicly about further reforms of liquor licensing law in England and Wales, including possible changes in the hours during which shops with off-licences may sell alcohol on Sundays."

She was responding to a call from Lord Brabazon of Tara to allow off-licences to change their opening hours under the new Sunday Trading Act.

Lord Brabazon welcomed the move, saying it was "rather strange" that supermarkets, which could now open at 10am on Sundays, had to wait another two hours before selling alcohol.

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Pyramid company chief declares shares invalid

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

TWO days after winning a seat in the Russian parliament, Sergei Mavrodi, the businessman who runs the controversial MMM "investment fund", delivered a humiliating rebuff to shareholders who had helped to get him elected.

A message, broadcast yesterday from loudspeakers outside his main Moscow office, declared to a waiting crowd that their shares were now invalid. Although it said that this was only a temporary measure, until January 1, the latest twist in the get-rich-quick saga finally appeared to have cracked his hardcore supporters' faith.

The crowd erupted in catcalls, boos and sardonic laughter. Most of them had assembled there in response to announcements that MMM, after closing for three months while Mr Mavrodi was in jail under investigation for fraud and tax evasion, would reopen yesterday to resume trading in its shares.

Gennadi Alexeyev, a garage manager, standing glumly in the pouring rain, said: "Right up to today, I believed in Mavrodi, but now I see I was fooled. I demonstrated to get him released from prison, but the moment he was elected and got immunity from prosecution he didn't need us anymore, so he just turned round and spat on us."

Mr Mavrodi has again shown his contempt for Russia's muddled legal system that seems powerless to prevent his sort of pyramid operations. As Mr Alexeyev vented his anger, the oily voice of an MMM spokesman repeated Mr Mavrodi's statement that the suspension of the old shares was due to "purely technical problems", and that the company's "reserve fund" was quite capable of paying back everybody. The announcement also promised that, after January, existing shareholders would once again be able to sell their shares at ever-rising profits.

Mr Mavrodi has admitted that his motive in contesting the byelection in the Moscow suburb of Mytishchi was to gain parliamentary immunity from prosecution. He was supported by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the nationalist leader.

But the businessman has also portrayed himself, with some success, as a little man being persecuted by the bureaucracy. The infuriated shareholders also levelled attacks at the Yeltsin administration yesterday. "The government are criminals too. Why didn't they warn us in time?" Alla Samoilova, a student, demanded. "We have no experience of this kind of thing. How were we to know?"

Economists describe MMM as a classic pyramid scheme which uses money from new investors to pay back a handful of old shareholders; eventually, the bubble bursts. Several other such schemes have already collapsed this year, but more are springing up all the time.

Mr Mavrodi is also starting all over again: yesterday's announcement stated that a completely new set of shares would be issued. MMM also announced in advance a fixed rising price for purchasing the new shares, from 1,000 roubles (18p) today to 1,270 on Friday.

A line of buyers immediately formed. A closer investigation revealed that, far from being the simple folk who lost their money in the first share issue, the new takers were predominantly hard-faced men, apparently from other commercial structures or outright criminal groups, as well as professional speculators who were able to pressure Mr Mavrodi into giving them their money back.

Miss Samoilova observed: "When we were queueing in July to try to sell our shares, you could see those people going in freely and carrying our money away in sacks, because Mavrodi was afraid of them. Now they are going to try the same again."

But not all the new speculators were thugs. Some ordinary Russians are also beginning to understand the rules of the game, if rules there are. Svetlana Krutikova, a pensioner holding her grandson by the hand, said: "Yes, I am going to buy again. In June, I saw what was coming . . . I got out and I made a lot of money. I bought this coat on the strength of it. But this time, I'll only buy a few shares. After what's happened, you'd be a fool to do anything else."



Colonel-General Matvei Burlakov, above, the Russian Deputy Defence Minister, was dismissed yesterday by President Yeltsin. General Burlakov, who until the end of August commanded the former Soviet Western Army Group in eastern Germany, has been accused by the Russian press of corruption. Last month, a reporter was killed by a bomb, days before he was to testify at an inquiry at which he was to show documents that he said would prove illegal weapons trading by group officers. *(Reuter)*



An angry shareholder burning an MMM share certificate, bearing a portrait of Sergei Mavrodi, outside the firm's main Moscow office yesterday

Backpack case defendant claims police framed him

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE Australian roadworker charged with killing seven backpackers broke his silence yesterday with an angry outburst in which he accused police of trying to frame him.

Ivan Milat, 49, yelled from the dock as a police witness produced a rucksack, identical to one owned by Simone Schmidl, a German alleged to have been one of his victims, which had a label painted with the initials I. M. "You put it there yourself," Mr Milat shouted at Andrew Grosse, a forensic investigator.

Rocking with fury, he leapt to his feet and raised his hands to Michael Price, the chief magistrate, asking permission to speak again. "Your honour — I am very sorry, your honour," the defendant added before sitting down.

During the fifth day of committal proceedings at Campbelltown court, near Sydney, it was alleged that a water bottle found in Mr Milat's home bore the name Simi, a nickname for Fraülein Schmidl. Attempts had been made to scratch it out, but a special light showed the outline of the letters.

Inside Mr Milat's home in a Sydney suburb, police also discovered a hunting knife, a camouflage mask and a book entitled *Violent Crimes That Rocked a Nation.*

Later the court adjourned to the remote bushland where the bodies of all seven backpackers were found, including Caroline Clarke, from Slaley, Northumberland, and Joanne Walters, of Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan. Mr Price was accompanied by officials to the Belanglo State Forest in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. A plan to allow Mr Milat to join the party was abandoned as the magistrate feared the exercise could turn into a media circus.

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Convict recaptured in chase across Germany

FROM REUTER IN DRIEDORF, HESSE

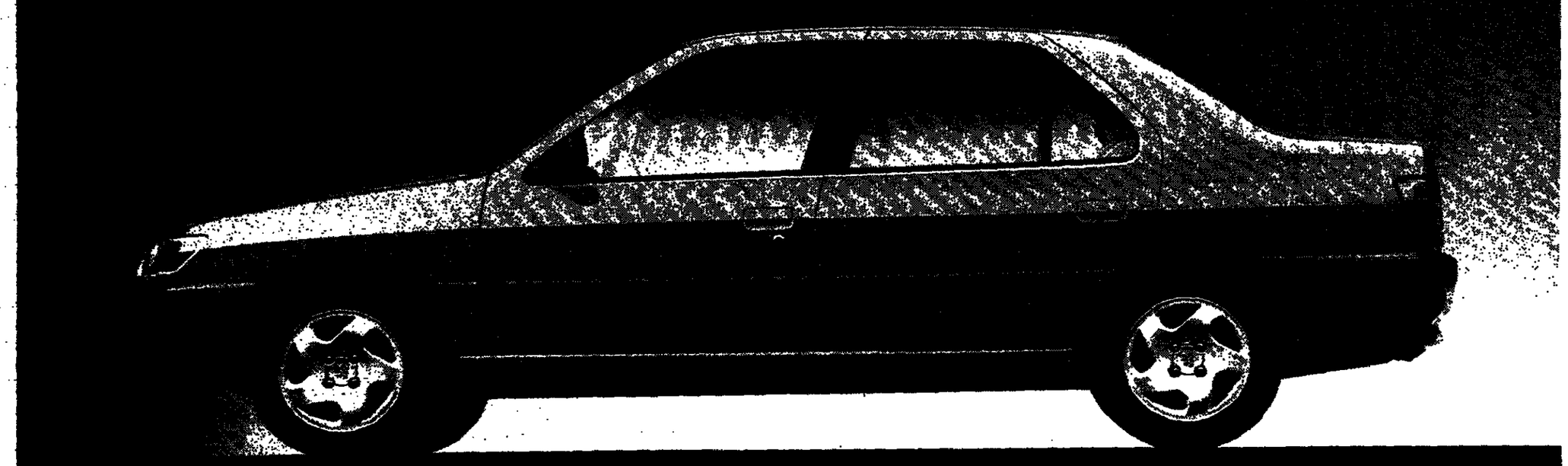
POLICE yesterday captured one of two escaped convicts who had gone to ground in a wooded holiday village after a 24-hour crime and hostage-taking spree across Germany.

Hesse state police said that Gerhard Polak, 35, who had been serving time for armed robbery, had been caught running through the woods at the holiday resort of Heisterberg, north of Frankfurt, while trying to escape the dragnet.

"He lay down on the ground and offered no resistance when he was apprehended," police said, adding that Herr Polak had a grenade and a gun when he was captured. The other suspect, Raymond Albert, 32, who had been convicted of murder and sentenced to life, was still at large but police said they were closing in. Hundreds of police officers, backed up by armoured cars, GSG9 commandos, helicopters and dogs, had poured into the picturesque valley just outside Driedorf. The two convicts, who escaped three weeks ago from a Hamburg prison, released three hostages they had held on their high-speed crime spree across Germany.

The pair had shaken off pursuers during the night after a chase which took them from Hesse in the west to Saxony, Brandenburg and Thuringia in the east and then back to Hesse.

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Delhi triumphs in Kashmir kidnap farce

■ Islamic extremists are hankering for a holy war in Kashmir, but do not have the support of Muslims, who want to be independent of both India and Pakistan, Christopher Thomas writes from Delhi

KASHMIRI militants are desperate for some sort of victory. They are demoralised, unpopular, discredited and weak. India, with the world's third largest army, has killed, jailed or driven out nearly all important armed separatist leaders by saturating the region with soldiers.

The latest kidnapping farce gives Delhi a propaganda victory. It demonstrates the extent to which armed militancy in the valley has abandoned its nationalist aspirations and become a fiasco of conflicting objectives. Rival groups spend as much time fighting each other and running extortion rackets as they do battling with security forces. Once popular, they are now widely despised.

No significant armed group in the valley supports the hopes of the majority of Kashmiri Muslims — namely, for independence from both Pakistan and India. Muslims of the valley are disgusted by the political exploitation of religion in Pakistan, and few would want to join it, despite Islamabad's claims to the contrary.

There is scant support for Hizbul Mujahidin, the Pakistani-backed fundamentalist group that has the greatest firepower in the Kashmir valley and poses the most significant threat to Indian troops. Hizbul hijacked the uprising from poorly funded secular groups, injecting an unpopular Islamic dimension into it.

The secular Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, which started the uprising by exploding a small bomb in Srinagar in 1989, laid down its weapons this year because it was too weak to fight. Politically, it remains strong because it advocates independence — the so-called "third option", which is unacceptable to both Pakistan and India. In a genuinely free election, the front would doubtless win overwhelming Muslim support.

The former independent kingdom of Kashmir, variously ruled in its more distant past by Afghans, Moguls, Sikhs and others, was carved up between India and Pakistan in a brief war in late 1947. Neither country has shown the slightest willingness to relinquish its slice, and the Kashmiri Muslims' hope of gaining independence seems an impossible dream. Al-Hadid, the group that kidnapped the three Britons and an American backpacker, said in notes to the BBC, the Voice of America and Indian newspapers that it was based in "Afghan tribal territory". This identified it as another leftover faction from the war in Afghanistan against the former Soviet Union. Such groups hanker for another *jihad* (holy war).

A number of them train young Kashmiris in Afghanistan in guerrilla tactics. India overstates this Islamic threat because it plays well internationally: there is, in fact, no tradition of Islamic extremism in the valley, and people are unresponsive to attempts to Islamise the conflict.

After five years of bloodshed, the valley is exhausted and people seem desperate for a political compromise with India. Pakistan's Kashmir policy is aimed at ensuring this does not happen: peace between India and the Muslims of the valley would be disastrous for Islamabad, for whose leaders Kashmir is a potent political tool. India recently released several of the valley's most popular leaders from jail in the hope of improving the atmosphere before planned elections in Kashmir in spring.

Delhi is trying to coax Farooq Abdullah, the immensely unpopular former Chief Minister and leader of the defunct National Conference, to become politically active again. He says he may co-operate if India promises substantial autonomy to Kashmir; this has been refused.

But if the National Conference can be revived, if Dr Abdullah can be reinvented, if the militants can be controlled, if Pakistan fails to cause trouble, and if Kashmiri Muslims can be convinced that elections would not be rigged, then the valley just might get a taste of limited and somewhat flawed democracy.

On the other hand, the government may be forced to abandon the idea and continue with de facto martial law.

Militants kill five children in Algerian bomb attack

BY CHARLES BREMNER AND CHARLES RICHARDS

A BOMB killed five children and wounded 17 in an Algerian cemetery yesterday as fundamentalist leaders poured scorn on a promise by President Zeroual to hold presidential elections next year.

The bomb exploded in the midst of a group of Scouts at the town of Mostaganem, 160 miles west of Algiers, as they attended a service marking the 40th anniversary of the start of the country's eight-year rebellion against French colonial rule. A former independence fighter was wounded in another blast at Chlef, 90 miles southeast of the capital.

The Mostaganem bomb was the first aimed directly at children in the campaign that has killed at least 10,000 people since the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) declared war on the military-backed government in 1992. There was no claim of responsibility, but blind terrorism is a standard weapon of the FIS and the more extreme Armed Islamic Group. The junta is said by French officials to be also guilty of atrocities.

Yesterday's attacks carried a symbolic charge, coming on the anniversary of "Bloody All Saints" in 1954, when the Front de Libération National (FLN), now the country's ruling party, shot and bombed French personnel in the opening of its offensive. That war killed 300,000 people and gave birth in 1958 to the French Fifth Republic.

Three days after conceding that he had failed in an attempt at peace talks with the FIS, President Zeroual used the national day to announce that he would call Algeria's first direct presidential election before the end of 1995. "Algeria deserves better than the civil war towards which certain people want to push it," he said. It was the army's cancellation of parliamentary elections in early 1992 that sparked the underground war. FIS officials yesterday dismissed General Zeroual's offer as meaningless, and promised to intensify the fighting. Anwar Haddam, head of the FIS parliamentary group, said from New York that the President's call was a symptom of desperation.

President Zeroual said FIS leaders had been responsible for the collapse of talks. Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadj, who were transferred from prison to house arrest in order to negotiate, had encouraged further violence, he said.

Analysts said President Zeroual was partly playing for time as he seeks fresh capital from the International Monetary Fund and presses his harsh drive against the FIS and its sympathisers.

Although the FIS was poised to win parliamentary power in 1992, its murderous campaign in pursuit of Islamic conformity is said by some Algerians to have undermined its popular strength.

With the "Second Algerian War" causing heavy anxiety in Paris, France yesterday took nostalgic and sorrowful stock of the chaotic nation whose destiny was once so closely bound with its own. Most media blamed the FLN for rejecting France and the West in favour of three decades of Marxist-style dictatorship and economic bungling.

In London, one of the *neuf historiques*, the nine original leaders of the liberation movement, made an impassioned plea to the West to suspend aid to the junta until human rights are improved.

Hocine Ait Ahmed said sanctions could help force a transition. He balanced this appeal with a plea that "measures be taken against countries supporting Islamic armed groups."

Islamic radicals find haven in London

BY MICHAEL BINYON
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LONDON has become one of the world's most important havens for Islamic fundamentalist dissidents. Whereas Paris used to offer sanctuary to opponents of communist and other totalitarian governments, Britain is now the main centre where radical opponents of moderate Muslim government are plotting their overthrow.

Under liberal asylum laws that do little to curb the political activities of those allowed to stay in Britain, an increasing number of hard-line groups intent on combating Western values and influence and setting up Islamic republics in their countries, are operating from London offices, protected by the democratic institutions they are intent on overthrowing at home.

Members of many of the world's most notorious extremist groups have arrived in London recently to take advantage of the good communications and media concentration, knowing that the only restriction is that they must not break British law.

They include men such as Ahmed al-Massari, a Saudi fundamentalist who heads the so-called Committee for Defence of Legitimate Rights which is working for the overthrow of the Saudi monarchy; Rashid Ghannouchi, leader of the banned Tunisian Islamic party an-Nahda, who has been accused of masterminding a bomb attack that injured several British tourists in Tunisia; supporters of the Algerian Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) which has ordered the killing of foreigners in Algeria and is engaged in a civil war that has taken up to 25,000 lives; and members of Hamas, the radical Palestinian group which claimed responsibility for the Tel Aviv bus bomb that killed 26.

Most of the radicals are working against Muslim governments that Britain considers friendly and moderate. Angry and frustrated, those governments are urging Britain to outlaw or expel these groups, and have taken up the cases of individual dissidents at the highest level, with the Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary. Concerned at the damage this could do and the setback to peace in the Middle East, Britain is stepping up its surveillance of fundamentalists operating here. But the Home Office is unwilling to change the criteria for admission and is loath to undermine Britain's reputation for fair dealing by making asylum dependent on politically acceptable views.

Nevertheless, the Government is pondering an idea that goes against the entire tradition of political asylum: whether it should attempt to deport "undesirable" applicants even at the risk of subsequently having the order overturned in the courts.

Although it does have the rarely-invoked power to deport foreigners on grounds that their presence would hurt national security, the Home Office has traditionally been reluctant to make deportation orders it could not uphold in court. Douglas Hurd, as Foreign Secretary, knows that an attempt, even if unsuccessful, to deport political activists would reassure worried foreign governments, and would allow the Government to point to the independence of the courts. But as a former Home Secretary, he is reluctant to suggest such a thing to Michael Howard.

Some attempt has been made to tighten restrictions. After protests from France, the Government has looked carefully at the activities of FIS members here; applications for asylum by Algerians are routinely referred to MI5. Those granted asylum are now given an explicit warning that if they support or conspire to cause violence whether in Britain or abroad and so endanger national security or public order, their stay may be curtailed or they may be deported. The attempted deportation of Kani Yilmaz, a leader of the Kurdish PKK group, underlines the explicit link to violence — though not necessarily to Islamic fundamentalism — of these groups. More than 60 members of the PKK were deported last year after being accused of intimidating Turks in Britain. However, Britain turned down a request from Ankara to outlaw the PKK, as Germany has done.

> "Fundamentalist groups are protected by the institutions they are intent on overthrowing"

Another group active in Britain is the Iranian People's Mujahidin, known in the West as the National Council of Resistance and linked to the Iraq-based National Liberation Army. The State Department in Washington, despite poor relations with Iran, yesterday issued a report saying this group was not a viable alternative to Tehran, was "fundamentally undemocratic", had murdered at least six American citizens and supported the takeover of the American Embassy in Tehran. It said the group, which lobbies MPs and the media in Britain, had fostered a "cult of personality" around its leader, Masud Rajavi.


Jane Bown

Rashid Ghannouchi, leader of an outlawed Tunisian Islamic party, in Britain

Fashion houses take scissors to supermodel fees


Campbell: was being paid $10,000 a day

From James Bone
in new york

THE fashion industry is under investigation in America for possible price-fixing that has denied free-market fees to some of the world's top models at this week's New York catwalk shows.

The Federal Trade Commission inquiry got under way as New York's leading designers began unveiling their spring 1995 collections in the city's annual fashion week.

Until last year, supermodels such as Naomi Campbell, Claudia Schiffer and Linda Evangelista could earn $10,000 (£6,700) or more for a day parading the latest designer wear along a catwalk in New York. But the organisers of this year's fashion week have tried to limit the models' fees to $750 an hour, with typical bookings running four or five hours.

"You don't make as much money here as London or Milan," the waif-like supermodel Kate Moss complained to one reporter.

The trade commission's bureau of competition has already sent letters to many of the top designers participating in the fashion week, including Calvin Klein, Donna Karan and Nicole Miller, asking for detailed records of past payments to models. Similar requests have gone out to leading modelling agencies, including Ford Models.

According to a trade commission letter obtained by *The Wall Street Journal*, the focus of the agency's investigation is whether fashion designers "may be engaging in, or may have engaged in, unfair methods of competition or unfair acts and practices ... in the process of collectively negotiating modelling fees".

Talk of possible anti-competitive practices in the fashion industry began to circulate last year when the Council of Fashion Designers of America formed "Seventh on Sixth" to stage fashion shows in New York.

The leading designers from New York's Seventh Avenue fashion district agreed to work together to cut soaring costs by staging all events at a single venue in Bryant Park on 42nd Street and Sixth Avenue. Seventh on Sixth initially proposed to put a cap on models' fees to give smaller designers equal access to modelling superstars.

But when model agencies objected, a "compromise" agreement was reached in which models would be paid between $250 and $750 an hour. The designers say that the agreement is non-binding and each fashion house is free to pay models as much as they please.

Relative unknowns are leaping to fill the shoes of the famous who choose to withdraw their labour, seeing this week's New York shows as a springboard to success and, they hope, huge fees.

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Democrats rush to cash in on revived Clinton fortunes

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN PHILADELPHIA

A MONTH ago a presidential visit was the last thing Harris Wofford wanted as the Democrat battled to retain his Pennsylvania Senate seat, but not any more. Bill Clinton, his standing boosted by a rush of good news on the foreign and economic fronts, is suddenly in demand.

On Monday, Mr Wofford and eight Pennsylvania congressmen welcomed Mr Clinton to their state. Yesterday, Bob Carr and Joel Hyatt, Democrat Senate candidates who had spurned the President on his earlier visits, eagerly shared platforms with him in Michigan and Ohio.

Right up to election day next Tuesday, Mr Clinton will be barnstorming across the North and the West, and the key question is whether his sudden resurgence can, even at this late stage, deprive the Republicans of the seven Senate and 40 House gains they need to capture Congress.

"This President is on a roll," declared Ed Rendell, Mayor of Philadelphia, as he introduced Mr Clinton at a City Hall rally for Mr Wofford — and indeed, Mr Clinton was in ebullient mood. "The sun has begun to shine in this election," the President insisted. Americans were beginning to see through the Republicans' "snake oil" promises of pain-free tax cuts, and to understand that his Administration had taken the hard decisions required for a lasting economic recovery. "This election represents a simple choice between going forward and going back. The country's in better shape than it was 21 months ago. We've got a lot to do, but don't let's turn back now."

Mr Clinton's luck has also improved. Michael Huffington's $25 million (£15 million) bid to unseat Dianne Feinstein, California's Democratic senator, has been rocked by the discovery that he employed an illegal immigrant as a nanny. Texas floods have given Ann Richards, the state's endangered Democratic Governor, a timely chance to show leadership. Above all, a string of prominent Republicans have chosen this critical moment to break ranks.

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Richard Riordan, Republican Mayor of Los Angeles, has endorsed Ms Feinstein over Mr Huffington. Rudolph Guiliani, the Republican Mayor of New York, has endorsed Mario Cuomo, the Democratic state Governor. Nancy Reagan has denounced Oliver North, the Virginia Senate candidate, and Teresa Heinz, widow of Pennsylvania's former Republican senator, has rounded on Rick Santorum, the right-wing Republican seeking to oust Mr Wofford.

For good measure, Jack Kemp and William Bennett, both former Bush Cabinet members, have condemned Proposition 187, the draconian anti-immigrant measure on California's ballot paper that Pete Wilson, the Republican Governor, has made a centrepiece of his re-election bid.

New polls suggest that Mr Cuomo and Edward Kennedy, the Massachusetts senator, are almost out of danger, and show Chuck Robb, Virginia's Democratic senator, edging ahead of Mr North. Lawton Chiles, Florida's Democratic Governor, has drawn level with Jeb Bush, the former President's son.

However, the broader outlook still remains ominous for the Democrats: at least ten Senate and 100 House races remain too close to call.

Pundits seeking to forecast early next Tuesday night how the country has voted will seize on Mr Wofford's Pennsylvania result. In 1991, he exposed the depth of anger at President Bush's domestic apathy by winning an astounding Senate byelection victory over Richard Thornburgh, then the Attorney-General.

Using that campaign as a blueprint, James Carville, Mr Wofford's campaign strategist, went on to mastermind Mr Clinton's presidential victory the following year. But both Mr Wofford, 68, and Mr Clinton later plummeted in the polls as they failed to deliver radical reform, particularly in healthcare.

Pennsylvania is politically centrist, a demographic microcosm of America, and its decision to reject or re-elect Mr Wofford will offer a clear indication not only of whether the Republicans have captured the Senate but of whether Clintonism has a future.

Bush sons on course to renew a dynasty

FROM TOM RHODES AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

Two sons of George Bush, the former President — George W. and Jeb — are on target to continue a political dynasty in America as Republican Governors of Texas and Florida. Yet in their campaigns, each has dealt differently with the critical question: what to do about Dad?

George W., 46, has kept his father at arm's length, allowing him to appear only at private fund-raising events in Texas. By contrast, Jeb, 41, has invited him along for rallies in Florida.

The younger George was candid about his decision. He was worried that if his father appeared with him voters would say he needed the parental backing because he was too unknown to campaign on his own. "My dad understands fully," he said.

Jeb insists that he, too, is his own man, but enjoys having his father and his mother, Barbara Bush, in the background. He answers his critics: "Can you imagine what would happen if my parents didn't come and graciously help their son?"

At a rally in Orlando, he compared his mother with Mother Teresa, adding: "She's the greatest woman I've ever met". Mrs Bush called Jeb "this remarkable young man that we're lucky enough to call our son". Mr Bush senior, noting that his wife's memoirs are a runaway hit, took the podium to say: "I have the most difficult job of all, following the next Governor of Florida and the number one best-selling author in the US."



Jeb Bush, above, facing his opponent, Lawton Chiles, and, below, George W. Bush — sons of the former President



The family outings with George W., their eldest son, are more restrained. At one fund-raiser, George W. turned and said: "Mr President — Dad — we're glad you're here. After two years, our country understands how bad we miss you."

Both sons are trading on nostalgia for their father's presidency and both have tapped into his database of wealthy contributors. The Bush dynasty began with Senator Prescott Bush, the ex-President's father. The family lacks the Camelot aura of the Kennedys or the wealth of the Rockefellers. Rather, it offers a succession reliant on energy and drive. Jeb is tall and thin with the unmistakably lopsided grin that marks him out as his father's son. George is stockier but has a closer facial resemblance. Both are affable and courteous in the family tradition. Jeb concedes that the name means political doors are opened that might not be otherwise. This celebrity factor infuriates their opponents.

"I'm sure he's a perfectly nice young man, but can you imagine anyone voting for him if he used the name George Walker?" asked Ann Richards, the Democratic Governor of Texas who is struggling in the polls. Lawton Chiles, Florida's Democratic Governor, also fighting for political survival, was even more scathing. "John Ellis," he said, using Jeb's seldom-used Christian names, "when are you going to stop having Momma and Daddy come to raise another million dollars?"

The Bush brothers have both fashioned a conservative message. George W. advocates a tougher approach to crime. Jeb has singled out welfare cuts.

Pyongyang to halt reactors

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

LI PENG, China's Prime Minister, yesterday told Lee Yung-duk, his South Korean counterpart: "China will play a constructive role in promoting peace on the peninsula."

On the same day in Peking President Jiang was telling a North Korean delegation that the bilateral relationship between the two countries was "cemented by blood and fostered by revolutionaries of the older generation".

Despite Peking's protestations of unabated comradeship with Pyongyang, the South is seen as a friendly and prosperous neighbour and China has been irritated by what it has seen as the North's self-imposed isolation.

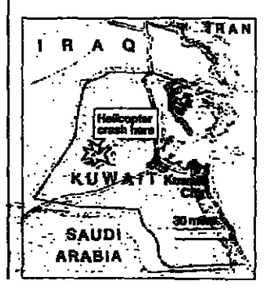
The Chinese will be gratified therefore by Pyongyang's announcement yesterday that it will immediately halt construction of two graphite reactors which Western experts suspected were intended to produce fuel for atomic weapons. Washington had offered light-water reactors instead, which could generate energy but not help produce weapons.

Soldier rescued behind Iraq lines died in crash

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE tragic story of an American special forces soldier who was rescued from behind Iraqi lines during the Gulf War, only to be killed in a helicopter crash in a sandstorm as he was being flown back to Saudi Arabia, was revealed yesterday. He was one of eight members of the special forces killed in the accident.

Details of the tragedy were disclosed in London by General Wayne Downing, commander-in-chief of US Special Operations Command, who was in charge of a joint special operations task force during the war. He said that American and British special forces carried out joint covert operations behind the Iraqis' lines, sabotaging Scud missile launchers, disrupting military communications, and launching diversionary raids.



British Special Air Service units had infiltrated behind enemy lines a week to ten days before their American counterparts, he added. It was during this early stage that an eight-man SAS patrol was discovered by Iraqi troops and tried to escape on foot across the desert towards the Syrian border. Two died of hypothermia, one was killed in a firefight with Iraqi soldiers, four were captured and tortured, and one escaped. The four who were captured were released after the war.

General Downing said the SAS had given invaluable help to the US special forces when they went into Kuwait and Iraq. "They shared with us everything they knew, like the sort of clothes to wear because it was so cold," he said at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies.

He said none of his special forces soldiers was taken prisoner by the Iraqis, but between 25 and 30 were "in danger" of being captured and had to be rescued. The helicopter disaster occurred after a special forces search-and-rescue team had gone in to find a soldier who had fallen down a cliff and hurt his back. A specially adapted Black Hawk helicopter picked him up safely.

On the way back, the helicopter flew into a sandstorm and crashed, killing the eight soldiers. General Downing said that the pilot was the most experienced in operations behind Iraqi lines.

The contrast between American and British rescue capabilities during the war was also highlighted yesterday. Whenever there was an SOS from American soldiers on covert missions, the message was first picked up by a special forces team on board an early warning aircraft patrolling over the war zone.

US bombers were then sent in to divert the Iraqis' attention in the area, while Black Hawk helicopters flew in low to rescue the soldiers.



Harrelson in *Killers*

Murder link to violent screen role

Salt Lake City: A manhunt was on yesterday for a 17-year-old youth with an obsession for the gory box-office hit *Natural Born Killers* suspected of killing his stepmother and half-sister. Nathan Martinez shaved his head and started wearing tinted granny spectacles in an apparent emulation of the character played by Woody Harrelson, in the Oliver Stone film which has been criticised for being overly violent. Mr Martinez is suspected of shooting Lauren Martinez and Alexis, aged ten, in their beds. *(AFP)*

West Point embarrassed by charge of sexual harassment

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

ROWDY members of the American football team at the West Point military academy have embroiled the US military in another embarrassing sexual harrassment scandal.

Female cadets at the elite officer-training school in New York state complain that they were "groped" by football players when they ran past the West Point team at a rally.

Stung by bad publicity over the "Tailhook affair", in which male US Navy aviators molested about 80 of their female colleagues at a 1991 convention in Las Vegas, senior military officials insisted yesterday that the latest incident was minor by comparison. But the West Point charges underscored the difficulties the US military has had in integrating women into the armed forces.

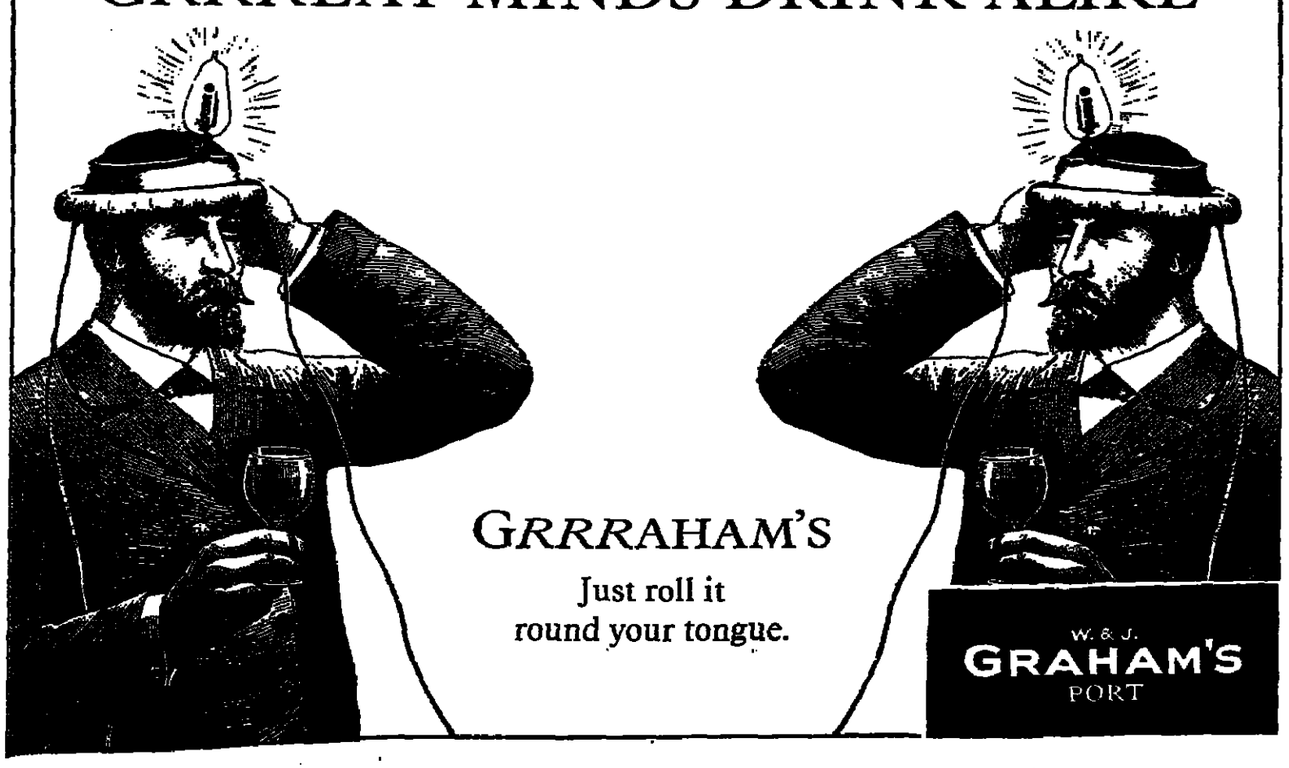
Lieutenant-General Howard Graves, the superintendent of West Point, said 18 women had complained of abuse after the so-called "spirit run" on October 20 in which about 600 cadets streamed past a line of about 200 football players in the academy's sports stadium.

The women — who are among 473 female cadets in the current student population of 4,055 — said some of the sportsmen had reached out and touched their breasts. So far, three football players have come forward and said they inadvertently brushed against the women's chests. Altogether, five players are under investigation after being turned in by team-mates.

The charges are to be heard by a West Point officer, and it has already been decided that the maximum penalty will be a three-month suspension from the football team plus extra time marching and doing drill.

But West Point is so scared of the damage the incident might do to its reputation that it has notified the Pentagon and Congressional oversight authorities.

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Rose letter informs Serbs he wants to avoid airstrikes

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE tone of a letter from Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, commander of the United Nations troops in Bosnia, to General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military commander, is likely to cause outrage in Washington, widen the rift between Nato and the UN, and renew Bosnian government calls for the British general's resignation.

The letter, obtained by *The Times*, will be interpreted as demonstrating General Rose's reluctance to call for Nato airstrikes against the Bosnian Serbs, an attitude diametrically opposite to Nato's demands for tougher action. "I would like to confirm that the UN always regrets the need to use force in its peacekeeping mission," General Rose says.

"As commander BH (Bosnia-Herzegovina) Command, I fully agree with you that we must, in the future, avoid all situations which necessitate the use of force, whether it be applied from the ground or the air."

The letter, dated September 30, also asks for closer liaison and co-operation between the Bosnian Serbs and UN peacekeepers.

The reaffirmation of General Rose's reluctance to call airstrikes will increase friction between Washington and Nato, and the fact that his reluctance is made clear in a letter to the Bosnian Serb military chief is certain to further alienate the Muslim-led Bosnian government. These strains come at a perilous time in Bosnia, with fighting threatening to spill back into Croatia, with Serbs there threatening to support their Bosnian brethren in the face of a surge by Muslim-led troops around Bihac, near the Croatian border.

The rebel Serbs in Croatia have massed their forces and threatened to advance into northwest Bosnia, UN observers said yesterday. About 2,000 Serb soldiers from the Krajina region have been mobilised since Bosnian government troops broke out of the mainly Muslim enclave of Bihac last week and smashed deep into Bosnian Serb territory. The government troops have overrun nearly 100 square miles in their onslaught.

General Rose has in the past called for Nato to consider airstrikes against Bosnian Muslims as well as against the Serbs, and his letter to General Mladic was disclosed as it became clear that Washington is vehemently opposed to this. Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, yesterday rejected a suggestion by General Rose that Nato warplanes might attack Bosnian government forces.

The policy of keeping "safe havens" clear of conflict applies equally to the mostly Muslim army as well as to the Serbs, but Mr Christopher said "we don't see any occasion for it at the present time".



Rose: says UN always regrets use of force

because the United States still considered the Bosnian Serbs the main aggressors in the war.

Although General Rose wants to be able to call airstrikes against all sides in the conflict if necessary, he is opposed to any large-scale increase in Nato action because he fears for the safety of peacekeepers on the ground and worries that more outside intervention in the Balkan conflict may destroy delicate and complicated international diplomatic efforts to forge a negotiated settlement. In his letter, General Rose urges restraint on General Mladic. He writes: "If our troops are deliberately engaged by fire, then we have to respond, no matter who it was that opened fire. I am sure that as a soldier you will understand this point of view.

"These are difficult times for everyone, and we must not allow local tactical-level incidents to undermine the road to peace. I urge you now to give orders accordingly." The letter is signed by hand, "Yours sincerely, Michael Rose".

Colonel Tim Spicer, spokesman for General Rose, said in Sarajevo last night: "I am not prepared to discuss the whys and wherefores of why the letter was sent. It is a letter written privately to General Mladic."

In a separate letter to The Times today, General Rose emphasises that the UN mission in Bosnia is "principally one of peacekeeping, not peace enforcement". He says that Bosnia is "fast returning to reality", and that "injudicious use of force would take the mission across that line which divides peace from war".

Russia last night called for measures to halt the government-led attacks on Serbs around Bihac. The attack by Bosnian forces is "a challenge to the UN" which "shows that the Muslims have decided to resolve the conflict by arms", Grigori Karasin, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said in Moscow. "It would be catastrophic if nothing were done to stop it."

In Bonn, Germany's chief prosecutor was quoted as saying that the authorities are investigating 51 Serbs accused of war crimes in former Yugoslavia.

If the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in The Hague asks to take over the cases, Germany is likely to grant the request, although first it will have to amend its laws, Kay Nehm, the chief prosecutor, said in an interview with *Stern*. The magazine said that all 51 suspects were ethnic Serbs, but did not say if they were all Bosnian Serbs.

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Pietro Pacciani, a convicted serial killer, holding up a picture of Christ as he protests his innocence in a Florence court

Elderly peasant gets life term for 'Monster of Florence' killings

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

A COURT found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment an elderly peasant yesterday on charges of being the sadistic "Monster of Florence" who killed and mutilated 14 people in the hills around the Tuscan city.

The eight Assize court jury members — two judges and six popular jurors — began their deliberations on Saturday on the case against Pietro Pacciani, 69, and crowds of curious citizens gathered outside the court building yesterday anxious to learn the outcome. The trial divided Italians between those who believed in his guilt or innocence.

Pacciani vigorously protested his innocence and wept as the sentence was read out and beamed to millions of Italians watching on television. He said he had had a premonition in a dream that he would be cleared and planned to work as a gardener in a monastery if released. He brandished a saint's picture in court last Saturday when he told judges in a final plea he was "as innocent as Christ on the cross".

In the killings, the murderer left his mark on women victims by cutting off their pubic hair and one breast. The prosecution had asked for a life sentence to be handed down to Pacciani for eight double murders carried out on seven courting couples and two German male campers between 1968 and 1985. The court found him guilty of all the killings except for those of Barbara Locci and Antonio Lo Bianco at the village of Signa in 1968. Another suspect, Stefano Mele, admitted carrying out those killings.

Forensic experts believe that all 16 murders were carried out with the same Beretta pistol but police said it was possible that Pacciani had been passed the pistol by Mele. Foreigners killed by the "Monster" included two Germans, Horst Wilhem Meyer and Uwe Rusch Sens, both 24, killed in their caravan at the village of Giogoli in 1983. A French couple, Nadine Mauriot, 36, and Jean Michel Kraveichvili, 25, were killed in a tent in 1985. The assassin mutilated the woman's breast and sent a piece of it to a woman magistrate investigating the string of murders.

Rome: Doctors in the southern Italian port of Bari have reported ten confirmed cases of cholera, but authorities insist that there is no risk of an epidemic. Most of the cases have been blamed on seafood that had been tainted by coastal sewage outlets, but a woman, 35, from Casamassima, 12 miles from Bari, contracted the disease from green salad containing cholera bacteria, according to Raffaele Costa, the Health Minister.

PLO hails Jordan's pledge on Jerusalem holy sites

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A POTENTIALLY violent dispute between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation over control of the Muslim holy sites in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem was partially defused yesterday by a switch in Jordan's policy.

The venerated sites in the walled Old City, captured by Israel from Jordan in 1967, include the golden-topped Dome of the Rock, recently refurbished at King Husain of Jordan's personal expense, and the Al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine after Mecca and Medina.

Speaking at the close of a Middle East economic conference in Morocco, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan announced that Amman would hand over control of the sites to the Palestinians once they had completed their peace talks, due to begin in 1996, on the final status of the holy city. The talks will be complex and fraught with difficulty and could last several years.

Jordan's about-turn on the future custodianship of the sites, sacred to Muslims, was welcomed by Faisal Husseini, the PLO representative in East Jerusalem. "I salute Crown Prince Hassan for his clarification," he said.

But the move came as a blow to Israel, which had been hoping to play off Arab rivalries over the sites to boost its claim to political sovereignty over the whole city.

Casablanca: Arabs and Israelis left a landmark business conference here without clinching deals but confident they had taken the first step to rebuild the economy of the Middle East and underpin emerging peace. The three-day conference of nearly 2,000 business executives and government officials from 61 countries issued a "Casablanca Declaration", but outlined only the barest details on how its aims would be achieved and paid for. *(Reuter)*

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Slap a patent on that cliché immediately

GOOD NEWS, I thought, that the Patent Office has extended its responsibilities to cover the patenting of sounds and smells. The law now says that so long as you can define, on paper, a silly beeping noise advertising insurance, or the civet and aldehyde notes of Chanel No 5, you can claim it forever as your own.

This is a great week for those who have devised a particularly artful "boing!", and those who sell synthesised nostalgia smells to theme parks. These range from "Viking latrine" to "Bakery in cobbled street with little boy riding up it in flat hat", and no doubt are now be protected by the full majesty of the law.

The principle must, of course, be extended. There is altogether too much imitation, plagiarism, sincere flattery, witty derivation and downright robbery in public life. We dance a slavish conga behind the few people with original ideas. Patents would help to enforce fresh thinking and discourage the random spread of half-baked fashionableness. Think of the confusion that would have been averted if the first publisher to invent big, gold-embossed shiny letters on paperbacks had slapped a patent on the idea.

But now that noises and smells come under the copyright laws, the scope is excitingly wide. Tones of voice, for example, could be protected. Remember the way John

Fortunes would be made if we had to pay a price for plagiarism



LIBBY PURVES

Humphrys, after a year on BBC's *Today*, started to sound so like Brian Redhead that Brian used to observe that sometimes he listened to tapes and couldn't tell if it was he or his partner asking the questions. The rot could never have set in if there was a strict patent on *faux-naif* neo-Geordie lifts at the end of sentences. Nor would we have Paxmanitis, in which every other local radio reporter practises pained incredulity in the mirror and starts questions "So are you telling me . . .?".

Programme planners could be forced into freshness, too. No longer would one television company, crazed with envy of the other for having thought of putting a married couple on a sofa, be so pathetic as to cobble up a fake married couple of their own. No longer would networks behave like covetous siblings, desperate in turn to possess the other's treasures: a blonde weathergirl, a yoof presenter with a bad attack of mange, a big, warm Jewish chat hostess, a play about lesbians. They could think up their own ideas.

IN politics, we should patent a lot of things, if only to stop them proliferating. No longer need we watch the dread Portillo haircut spreading across the Conservative backbenches. Never again would anyone, like Peter Lilley, revive the idea of doing a laboured rewrite of "to be or not to be" at conference.

Journalists, of course, would be hard hit. Where would we be without gimmicks stolen shamelessly from other journalists? How would the Sunday papers survive without such tricks as the profile interview in which the first half consists of a knock-about account of how hard it was to get hold of the chap? Or if *The Tatler*, back in the 1970s, had thought to copyright the idea of party pictures with sneering comments underneath?

As for the Patent Office proviso that before you can claim something as your own, it must be capable of being described in words, that poses no problem. Anything can be described if the writer is desperate enough; and there would be a lot of us desperate hacks out there, for hire.

'I used to call myself a socialist — now I don't know what it means'

Arnold Wesker tells **Julia Llewellyn Smith** of the problem of being a cultural icon when the National won't perform your plays



ADRIAN BROOKS

Arnold Wesker — today he looks the very model of left-wing chic

Arnold Wesker is the Mick Jagger of the literary world. In the 1960s, he was the king of the swingers, a dark, intense working-class hero; one of the beautiful people who marched to ban the bomb and who, along with Osborne and Pinter, produced a string of mould-breaking plays that snatched British drama away from the country mansions and into the tenements.

But like Jagger, Wesker, 62, refused to go gracefully. Instead of retiring on the proceeds of his trilogy, *Chicken Soup with Barley*, *Roots* and *I'm Talking About Jerusalem* — A level set texts that are regularly revived — he is insisting on a place in the spotlight. He continues to write prolifically and embarrasses directors who reject his latest work by demanding that they spell out their reasons for refusal.

He has been grumbling softly for years, but now in his autobiography *As Much as I Dare* he has exploded, stridently attacking Richard Eyre, the National Theatre's director, for ignoring him. "I sense within the profession a nervous terror of me," he writes. "What is this plague which I fail to recognise but obviously marks me like Cain? I search around as one does for stains on a shirt."

So Eyre, who has been soft-soaping Wesker for years with replies along the lines of "not for us old boy, but do keep in touch", has had to come out and say: "What I meant . . . was, I don't like the play sufficiently to do it." How terribly, embarrassingly frank. And how gullible of Wesker not to know a "get lost" when he sees one.

Not only has Wesker been exiled professionally, in *Dare* he reveals that he has also been cast out by his family, not altogether unreasonably, given that four years ago he fell in love with a Norwegian friend. "Though I didn't fall out of love with Dusty [his wife] our 35-year-old marriage went reeling . . . I know neither love affair can be sustained."

As a result of this, "my beloved first born", Lindsay Joe, a DJ for the radio station Kiss FM, refused to talk to him or to let him see his grandson. Wesker wrote his autobiography alone in the Welsh hills.

He is back in London now to promote it and is staying at his large, pretty house in an unfashionable corner of north London. A tantalising postcript to the book says that his son has forgiven him. Does this mean, I wonder, that Dusty — the model for the immortal Beatie, the heroine of *Roots* and, in my eyes, a saint — has too?

To my delight, Dusty — every bit as blonde and jolly as I hoped — opens the front door. Wizzie (her name for him) will be here any second. And here is the man I have been reading about for the past week, small and stocky, all in black with round, gold specs: the very model of left-bank chic, nothing like the flailing Old-Testament prophet I had imagined.

Wesker had hoped to surprise me. "Didn't you expect me to be different? People always do," he says, in his quiet, slightly camp voice that belies his East End origins. "They say: 'I read that you are very difficult, that directors have a hard time with you.' It begins as a small snowball and runs down the hill. But I'm lovely to work with. People think I am difficult, because I actually listen to them. So then when you disagree, they are hurt."

His reputation as a cantankerous prima donna is only equalled by his image as a wild-eyed leftie. "It's the problem of the frozen image that many writers suffer from," he sighs, playing with his silvery chest hairs.

In any case, the image was never accurate. Even Wesker's earliest plays are politically ambiguous, otherwise they could not have endured. In *Chicken Soup with Barley*, Sarah's commitment to the party cannot prevent her family dispersing and the Bryant family in *Roots* are too lumpen to even begin to appreciate their daughter's enlightenment.

Nonetheless, Wesker was firmly allied with the left, marching from Aldermaston, going to jail as part of the *Committee* of 100's civil disobedience campaign and founding Centre 42, an organisation with the lofty aim of making culture accessible to the masses. But he has never joined a political party and confesses to being a *Telegraph* reader who supported the Falklands War.

"Was I ever really a socialist?" he muses now, sipping tea in the pot-planted conservatory. "I called myself one in those days because there was no other way to describe the values I believed in. I wouldn't now because I don't know what it means." *Is he disenchanted, then, with the* Blairite designer socialism? "I don't really know much about it, partly because I have no television in Wales. There's a Fabian pamphlet by Blair that I keep meaning to read but I haven't got round to it."

In fact, Wesker's concerns are far more personal than political. He is overjoyed to have made things up with Lindsay Joe and is now, as I hoped, working on Dusty, who is clattering in the kitchen to the strains of Kiss FM. "I'm trying to persuade her to come to Paris with me where the trilogy is in rehearsal." And are you succeeding? "75 per cent of the

> "I'm lovely to work with. People think I am difficult because I actually listen"

way," he says coyly. He clings to the belief that posterity will reward him, reminding readers that "Mozart's inability to believe he might be a failure . . . was an essential part of his genius".

Abroad, at least, Wesker has always had a following. But here there are plans to stage his *Letter to a Daughter* and to turn *The Kitchen*, recently revived to huge acclaim at the Royal Court, into a musical.

If anything can restore his reputation, it will be *As Much as I Dare*, a beautifully written book, which works as both a Jewish family history and a disarmingly personal memoir. In the book, Wesker comes across not so much as an aggressive upstart, but as touchingly naive and genuinely bewildered that his honesty is perceived as arrogance.

It is this inability to play the game, to tell white lies, to be understated, that puts British backs up. Wesker agrees, but he also thinks there is a simpler solution. "I'm pigeon-chested and I think that gives an air of cockiness." I hadn't noticed, because he has been sitting down, but later, standing in the kitchen drinking vodka, I see that he does indeed swagger unintentionally. Poor Wesker, scorned for so long because of his posture. Perhaps next time he meets Richard Eyre, he should remain slouched behind a desk.

● As Much As I Dare *is published by Century (£18.99).*

Last week's fatal jet fighter crash has given America's military conservatives the ammunition they wanted

Top Gun types take aim at women flyers

The F-14 Tomcat is not the easiest fighter jet to fly. On average, one American pilot dies each year when the Tomcat fails or crashes on training missions. This year, however, the American navy lost its first woman fighter pilot, Lieutenant Kara Hultgreen, when her Tomcat crashed into the sea.

Although much of the nation gave Lt Hultgreen the heroic obituary she deserved last week, for some military traditionalists her death has provided an excuse to attack, once again, the very concept of allowing women in the cockpit. The navy opened the job to women in April 1993, but with Lt Hultgreen's death, the service has just one remaining female combat pilot.

Days after Lt Hultgreen's accident, Californian newspapers and television stations started receiving angry faxes from male aviators stationed at her base near San Diego, questioning 29-year-old Lt Hultgreen's abilities and her scores in flight tests. Conservative radio presenters across the country cited her death as proof that "women are better fitted to serve drinks on a plane than pilot one".

The *Top Gun* fraternity, as portrayed in the Tom Cruise film, is an exclusive one, and some male pilots are still less than keen on having monstrous women invade their regiments. Others seem supportive. Lt Matthew Klemish, the radar intercept officer who was a passenger in Lt Hultgreen's plane and successfully ejected into the sea, says: "She was very highly regarded." Lt Hultgreen tried to stay at the controls to right the plane and ejected seconds later. Her body has not yet been found. The navy has suggested there were "engine difficulties" with the plane, but full details will not be known until it is salvaged.



Kara Hultgreen: died when her F-14 stalled

The navy is desperate to improve its standing after a sexual harassment scandal forced some senior officers to resign, and having a few female faces up front is good public relations. But male pilots, who all wish to remain anonymous, have complained that the first women allowed into combat have been given preferential treatment.

In Lt Hultgreen's case, she was narrowly rejected in her first attempt to qualify as a fighter pilot, along with 25 per cent of the men who applied. She passed the same test easily in July and was assigned to Fighter Squadron 213. Her commander, Captain Tom Sobiek, told *The New York Times*: "We were a little apprehensive at first, but she knew what she was doing. She was a really fine aeroplane driver."

Ironically Lt Hultgreen, who has a degree in aerospace engineering, was one of the officers who testified at the Congressional hearings three years ago on whether all the forces should allow women in combat. At the same time, generals including Merrill McPeak, the US Air Force Chief of Staff, made it clear the ride was not going to be easy: "I am not eager to increase exposure of our women to additional risk," he said, and confessed he would rather have a less qualified man flying a combat aircraft than a better qualified woman.

The fact is, had Kara Hultgreen been a man, her death would have merited a brief paragraph and no debate. Instead, it has been blown out of all proportion into a huge black mark against women in the military frontline, with the added irritation that the exact circumstances of her death are not yet known. Suddenly there are implications even in Britain, where the RAF has a dozen or so female pilots in training, none of whom is qualified yet to fly fighter jets. Meanwhile, in America, one woman who no longer has a voice is shouldering the burden for her whole sex.

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When no one can decide where the hemline should fall, there is one seductive solution: a velvet trouser suit

What's slick, sexy and shimmering?







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Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

THE NAGGING question about the return of glamour is how to make it work in the real world. Naturally, the fashion world has embraced the changes with open wardrobes. Out have gone the Birkenstocks, replaced by high-rise Blahnik heels. They have stripped away the layers, and have eased themselves into sleek suits, and smart frocks, without missing a beat. They now look ultra-shiny: their bodies clad in glossy satin, their faces polished and painted. But what about those women who live outside the world of fashion?

Whenever fashion refocuses itself, it becomes necessary to pick through the deluge of images and information, and decide what is viable. To pinpoint the crucial changes.

Studying the new language fashion pundits are using can help. A flick through the issues of *Vogue*, *Elle* and *Marie Claire*, devoted to the autumn/winter international collections, reveals a preponderance of S-words: shiny, slick, sexy, seductive, sharp, sumptuous. What better way to describe one of this season's must-have items, the velvet trouser suit?



With the hemline issue still being debated (the knee-length skirt, touted as the future-of-fashion, has been described as both *frumpy* and *funky*), the trouser suit makes real sense. Cut in plush velvet, it adapts to the mood of all-out glamour, without looking scary. The fabric shimmers rather than shines, but is still enough to fit fashion's desire for all-things-lustrous.

The look is a touch nostalgic for the languid leading ladies of Noël Coward — artfully androgynous yet fearfully elegant. However, the clean lines and uncomplicated silhouette project an image of modernity. Easy yet refined.

In black, chocolate brown, or deep damson shades, the velvet trouser works day and night. Dressed down in the daytime, with a polo neck sweater or, for the adventurous, a shiny satin shirt, it slides effortlessly into evening with just the addition of red lipstick. This is how the designers Richard Tyler, in New York, and Jil Sander, in Milan, showed the look on their catwalks, and is perhaps the best example of the blurred gender-bending of this season. Accessorise with little other than a perfectly applied coat of make-up.

On the international circuit, the velvet trouser suit was a staple in the designer collections. The interpretations were as varied as the designers who created them. At its simplest, a *Marc Bolan blazer-style* by Roland Klein, Paul Smith and Jil Sander. More dressy are the double-breasted versions by Vivienne Westwood, Mulberry, Bella Freud and Dolce e Gabbana (who also produced some gorgeous crushed and printed velvet suits).

Selina Blow, famous for her Highwayman jackets, has continued to flirt with the theatrical with her inky blue, embossed frock coat with fluted cuffs. Giorgio Armani featured the look in both his mainline and Emporio collections — sumptuous and roomy, or neat and cropped respectively. MaxMara's shawl-collared tuxedo jacket and matching pants took their inspiration from Las Vegas lounge lizard crooners.

The added bonus of the velvet trouser suit is that it can be taken apart. The jacket can be teamed with a tweedy A-line mini skirt, an on-the-knee slipper satin version, or even worn over a little shift dress. Wear it casually at the weekends with a sweater and jeans. The trousers (cigarette thin or wide and flapping) look especially good with a big mohair or angora tie-belt cardigan, particularly if they are wide Oxford bag style, or with a classic white shirt.

The velvet trouser suit epitomises the modern ideal of glamour — 1994 style. It has the look of something truly special, without the fuss and bother.

RACHEL COLLINS

HOTLINE

● Harrods is hosting a British glamour week, starting next Monday, when leading evening-wear designers will give customers advice on the ultimate Christmas party dress. Jenny Packham will be on hand at 3pm on Monday, Amanda Wakely at 3pm on Tuesday, Ben de Lisi throughout the day on Wednesday and David Sassoon and Lorcan Mullany at 3pm on Thursday. Glamour workshops take place on Friday and Saturday. Details: 071-225 5661.

● Artist David Begbie, master of the steelmesh torso, has been invited by Giorgio Armani to stage an exhibition in his Brompton Road shop. Begbie has created a new series of figures, including a steel jacket, to complement the store's collection. The collection of more than 30 pieces will be on show until November 13 at Emporio Armani, 191 Brompton Road, London SW3. Prices start at £700 and 10 per cent of each sale will be donated to the Terrence Higgins Trust.

● Visiting the Gallery of Antique Costume and Textiles is like climbing inside a treasure chest. Textile expert Lionel Segal has amassed a huge stockpile of vintage fabrics and clothing from all over the world. In addition to the collection, there is a new range of clothes faithfully re-created from old classics. Using authentic patterns, slightly modified, customers can choose from slinky bias-cut dresses, silk shirts and pyjamas, tailored riding jackets and waistcoats you won't want to take off. For the next two Sundays the gallery, at 2 Church Street, London W8 will be open for browsing from 3.00pm-4.30pm. For an invitation call 071-723 9981 or 071-437 5654.



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Alan Coren



■ Rare finds like these cannot just be kept beneath the rug

I am sitting on a goldmine. You can't see that it's a goldmine, of course, because like all good goldmines it lies far below the surface; almost a full inch, at a guess. In order not to have to guess, you would need to pick up the carpet, and if you did that you would find yourself standing on the gleaming ore itself, and get into no end of trouble. *English Heritage heavies would have you* out of there so fast your feet wouldn't touch the ground, because the ground they risked touching is very precious to English Heritage. The ground is lino.

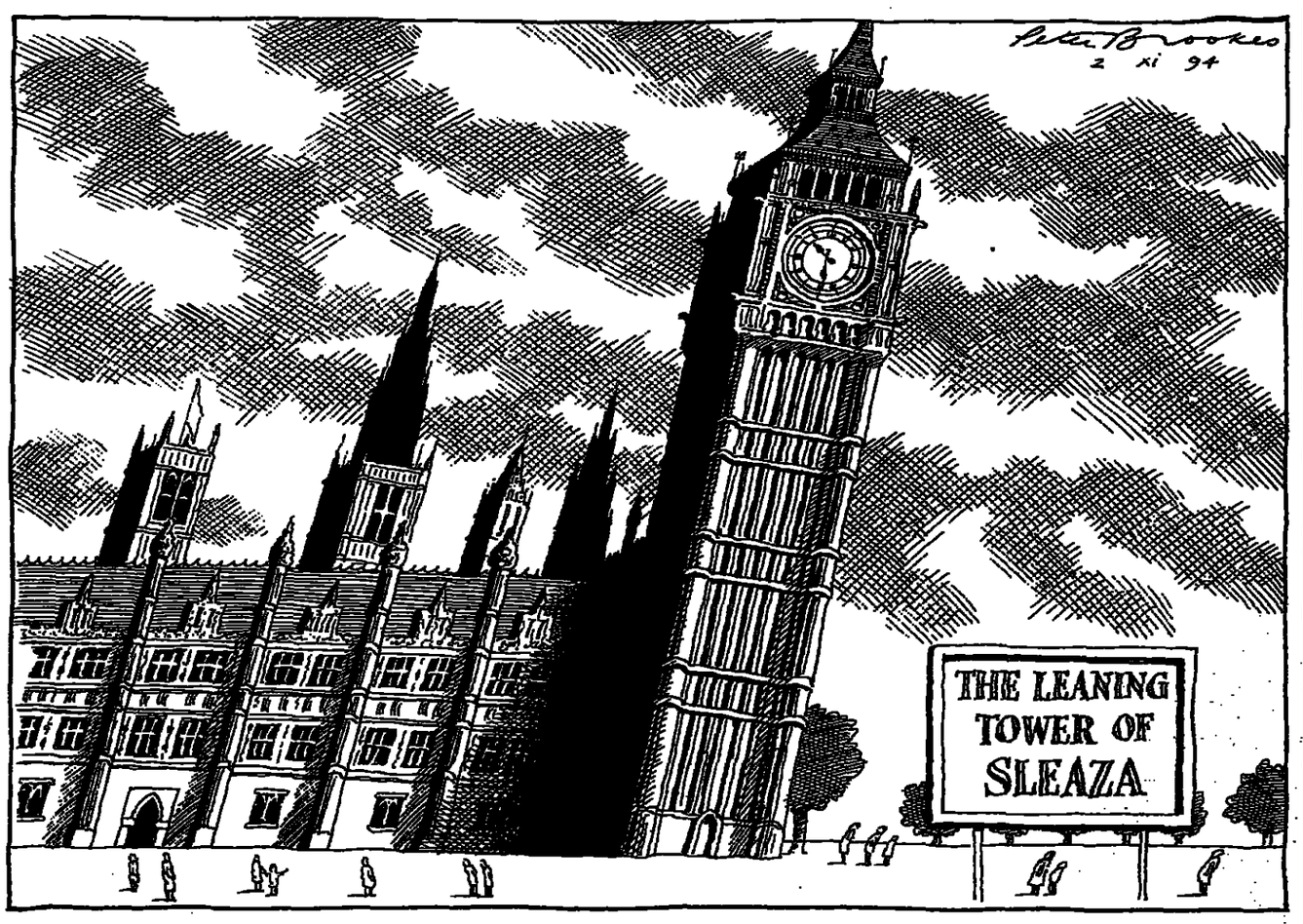
The scene now shifts to Newcastle-upon-Tyne's Trinity House, where the Brotherhood of Mariners, charged with keeping the place shipshape and Bristol-fashion, wants to do a spot of redecorating. This involves taking the old lino up, because it is full of holes and little casts a bigger blight on maritime knees-ups than having honoured guests *suddenly going down by the stern during* a hornpipe; but it cannot be taken up, because English Heritage has slapped a preservation order on it. For this is not any old lino, it is rare old lino, and "historic decoration", says EH's Andrew Saidi, "is no less important than bricks and mortar".

Tell me, do you catch that unmistakable whiff of worm which tells you that a can of them has just been opened? Can what we are looking at here be anything less than a watershed in the history of domestic refurbishment? Are we not standing at the crossroads of doing up? *Beneath the carpet on* which I am jotting this lies the stuff we covered 20-odd years ago, original to the house 50 years before that, a fetching ochre *base patterned*, as I recollect, in blue and red rectangles, very Mondrian, very Bauhaus, a prime example of 1920s Art Lino: were it to turn up (any day now, if I know my canny BBC) on the *Flooring Road Show*, the experts would turn cartwheels. And I have three concealed floorfuls of similar vintage. Should I not be a happy man?

I am a petrified man. If EH finds out, I am done for. They will be round here with a restore-or-die warrant in a trice, they will have my snug Axminster off, they will leave me with floors you stick to in summer, freeze to in winter, and break your neck on when hurtling between bath and phone. But that is not the half of it, for if lino has come into its inheritance, can linc*rusta* be far behind? To save you trawling the *OED*, its etymology is *linum* (flax) + *crusta* (rind), but that is not because, in 382, the Romans did their premises out in tasteful flax-rind, it is because, in 1882, a Mr Walton, not content with inventing linoleum for floors, went on to invent lincrusta for walls, so that when my house was built some 40 years later it could be lined with an embossed paper so impervious to the chisel that the only course open to those not wishing to live with mud-brown Maltese crosses was to overpaint or overpaper; but never so successfully that an English Heritage prodnose could not spot its subcutaneous ghost, list it, and insist that it be stripped back to pristine funereality.

He might suffer a crux, mind, in the one room where the lincrusta has been hidden, thanks to the strips of polychrome hessian gummed to it in 1972. *Hessian was very big, in 1972. It was every*where. It was what wall-covering was all about. Strip it off, and a mural era would be expunged from the heritage. So there is a nub, here, is there not? Can any of us ever confidently redecorate again? It is not merely a matter of thinking carefully before we crassly bang in low-flush suites when it means enskipping lofted cisterns, their charming chains, their jolly squashball grips, or fill fireplaces with slimline radiators, or replace stone kitchen sinks with aluminium, or conceal halogen pin-points in *bare ruin'd ceilings where late the sweet* bulbs hung, or perpetrate any of the other ravages involved when progress supervenes tradition, it is also a matter of thinking carefully what we do when yesterday's progress becomes today's tradition, and then tomorrow's Grade I listing. How long will it be before it is an offence to remove a satellite dish?

There is a gum-tree here, and English Heritage is perforce stuck in its branches. I have no answer, but my heart bleeds for those who go down to the sea in Newcastle for they occupy their business in greater waters than they could have imagined.



In praise of secrecy

Benn-style openness would mean anarchy and government paralysis

Tony Benn declared on Monday that he would publish the proceedings of the Commons Privileges Committee whether or not a majority of its members agreed. He said he was acting in the tradition of Hansard and Cobbett. He did not give a fig for the conventions of the House of Commons. He was Honest Tony, answerable only to the people.

The catalyst for Monday's argument was bizarre. The House of Commons cannot meet nowadays without falling foul of Parkinson's Law of Triviality. In a week that must decide the future of the Post Office — and with it the last *shreds of Tory radicalism — MPs were* stamping their feet over who faxed what to whom. The sums involved were so paltry as to defy the word corruption. Students of the absurd were left to the exquisite spectacle of Jonathan Aitken and *The Guardian*'s editor wrestling with each other and their consciences over a brunette and a Paris hotel bill. A Parliament that yields such gems is not worthless.

But who should police this nonsense? Mr Benn raises a point of order. "My first responsibility," he says, "is to those who have elected me to Parliament, who are entitled to know what is being done in their name. In my judgment, that duty must take precedence over any conventions of the House." He will therefore take notes of confidential meetings of the Privileges Committee, *on which he sits. These he will publish.* Followers of Mr Benn's career know that this is no idle boast.

I think we can set aside, as Mr Benn would say, the unworthy reflection that he is currently promoting his breach of Cabinet secrets on radio. I also pass over, as Mr Benn would say, any thought of an undeclared interest, let alone an invitation to the media to bid for the publishing rights. I am sure "The Secrets of Committee Room 16" have already been promised to *Viz* or *perhaps The Big Issue. Given* the committee's future agenda this could mean serious money.

The case for more openness is, as always, superficially strong. A Privileges Committee that meets in private has so far proved inadequate in regulating the abuse of Parliament by MPs lobbying for commercial, trade union and other interests. But there are other ways of calling the committee to account than by turning its members into television stars and its witnesses into victims. (For instance, the two front benches could collude to sack the members.)

This would be no timid select committee pretending to scrutinise government policy under the eagle eye of the whips. It would be an American-style bear garden, with lights, cameras and expensive lawyers. It would deal not with "issues" but with a far more explosive commodity, famous people at bay. Media pressure would feed the committee a constant diet of sexual and financial *scandals, dodgy liaisons, petty bribery* and corruption. The media would, in effect, be judging each case as it went along — as they did the Scott inquiry into arms-for-Iraq.

Openness is meant by its supporters to project Parliament as stern self-regulator, its fierce discipline made manifest on prime-time television. Subpoenas would speed on their way to capture such exotic fruit as Max Clifford's kiss-and-tell girls, Mr Aitken's *franc-fisted brunette*, millionaire lobbyists, *Guardian* editors and gossip columnists. They would come running. Parliament would have a dash of glamour. The tabloid ethos would have percolated the inner sanctums of the Palace of Westminster. The public would be vastly entertained. But for Sir Edward Heath to believe, as he said yesterday, that the Commons would thus "re-establish itself in the higher standing of the public" is a joke.

Two dubious principles are here in play. One is that justice must always be open to be fair. The other is there is no such thing as bad publicity. The best cure for bad democracy, said Mencken, *is more democracy. Blow away the cob*webs. Pull down the veils. Reveal all. If televising the Commons did no good, then why not televise the Cabinet? That way the public would really appreciate the care and effort that goes into government. Ministers would be more popular and their decisions "better". Indeed, go further and publish minutes of Cabinet committees, of bilaterals, of ministerial briefings. Why should Mr Benn's electors be cheated of anything? They have a right to know "what is being done in their name".

Such good intentions pave every road to hell. The Leader of the House, Tony Newton, was justified this week in pointing out that holding privileges hearings in public would deny the "accused" and witnesses a fair hearing. Under the cover of parliamentary privilege, *MPs would be able to repeat any* gossip or rumour, and the press would eagerly report it under the same privilege. Those accused would feel *obliged in self-defence to hire expensive* lawyers. Some sessions might be *in camera*. But why not all? This is not a law court. It is a club administering its rules. Public hearings would inflate what is a domestic tribunal into a national show trial.

Simon Jenkins

MPs should worry about the spreading stain of this sort of "virtual justice". In the case of arms-for-Iraq, Lord Justice Scott has turned an administrative inquiry into an attenuated public trial, with himself as prose*cuting counsel, judge* and jury. The same goes for the Westminster district auditor. I carry no brief for Lady Porter and her Westminster Council colleagues, but they are currently at the mercy of a kangaroo court. They are being "tried" in public by a man who has already found against them at an earlier investigation. This is the accountancy equivalent of lynch law.

To Mr Benn, all this must be benign, because openness in public administration is an absolute good. Secrecy is *the cardinal sin of democratic govern*ment. But he is wrong is supposing that openness is itself a cure. Secrecy and openness are opposite extremes. *They are thesis and antithesis. In a* democracy they require a synthesis and Mr Benn has none. He is not an institutional reformer. He is an anarchist, an enemy of political institutions, a believer in government by spontaneous public action. His heroes cannot be the conservatives Samuel Johnson or William Cobbett. They must be Proudhon and *Bakunin*.

The reason for Walpole's opposition to the reporting of Parliament was not spurious. He felt ministers should be able to share some of the confidences of government with supporters and opponents and not be vulnerable to selective reporting. When Parliament became open, those confidences did not suddenly become public property. They vanished into the Cabinet Room. In recent years, that room has been exposed to leaks and memoirs. As a result, confidences have retreated yet further, to kitchen cabinets, private cabals and conversations within Downing Street. Confidence is the glue of government, as of any organisation *committed to decisive action. Without it,* decision freezes.

Modern Washington is *much lauded by British* enthusiasts for open government. I cannot think why. Public hearings on congressional ethics have been held for decades. I know of no evidence that they have improved either the ethics or the public reputation of Congress. The steady disclosure of White House secrets has not made the presidency more decisive or courageous. As Bob Woodward's recent exposure of Bill Clinton's team makes plain, the opposite is the case. When asked to make a decision, American presidents are like rabbits caught in headlights. They dare not move.

I know that more openness in govern*ment has the best tunes, and journalists* are expected to sing them at every opportunity. Certainly the executive must be accountable, actions must be explained, the press must be vigilant and MPs must be passably honest. But how much openness this requires before it undermines decisiveness and group accountability is unclear. Democracy depends on political institutions, and institutions collapse if not bound by agreed rules. Those rules take the form of codes, protocols, conventions — the messy, maddening disciplines that keep people working in concert without tearing at each other's throats.

Mr Benn's chosen institution is Parlia*ment. Parliament has a quaint rule that* when a majority of MPs decide something, the rest accept that decision. It is the basis on which Mr Benn and his colleagues were elected. Yet when he got beaten on Monday he did not resign his seat. He tore up the rule. That is why he is an anarchist.

Or perhaps, as I suspect, there is really a tabloid journalist inside Mr Benn longing to break free. He knows he has a scoop burning a hole in his knapsack. On Monday he exploited it brilliantly. When he retires, I bet he writes a column for the *Mirror*.

Paper thin morality

Paul Johnson on Peter Preston's act of turpitude

Last week I was in New York, where the natives are fascinated and appalled by the enormities of the British media. I was asked "Is there nothing to which your newspapers will not stoop?" "Oh," I said airily, "they draw the line at murder and forgery."

Well, I was wrong. One of them, *The Guardian*, does not draw the line at forgery. Its editor, Peter Preston, calls it by a convenient euphemism, "subterfuge", defends it hotly, presents it as just part of a journalist's daily work, and accuses anyone who dares to criticise him of raising "a bit of a red herring".

I have a photocopy of the "subterfuge". It is as plain a piece of forgery as any prosecuting counsel could wish to present to a court. It is a piece of Commons writing-paper with the printed superscription: "From: Jonathan Aitken MP". So the paper was misused by *The Guardian* in the first place, a point which has incensed the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, and other MPs. But the breach of parliamentary privilege is a minor issue. For the letter itself, asking the accounts department of the Paris Ritz to forward a copy of Jonathan Aitken's bill, purports to have been written by Aitken himself. It is a tissue of lies: "My bill was debited to the account of my friend, Mr Ayas . . . Regrettably I seem to have mislaid my copy which I require for personal accounting reasons." The object was to obtain a copy of the document which Preston needed to make his case against Aitken. The letter concludes with a forged handwritten signature: "pp Jeremy Wright, private secretary". Wright is a senior civil servant at the Ministry of Defence, so the letter is a double forgery.

Preston defends his conduct on three grounds. He says the forgery did not involve misrepresentation since it was "an internal exchange of faxes between people who both knew the true situation". In that case, why resort to a fraudulent letter? Plainly, it was intended to deceive *someone*, then or later. Next Preston *tries to laugh off the forgery, saying it* was crude. But most forgeries are crude, when examined in retrospect. Any City solicitor can tell you that.

Preston's third defence is that The Guardian was only seeking "to protect its sources". This is a frequent and glib self-justification by a newspaper which is doing something it knows to be wrong. Sometimes — rarely in my experience — the explanation is justified. In this case it is obviously false. Preston's source for his story was none other than the owner of the Paris Ritz, Mohamed Al-Fayed. Al-Fayed is a masterful employer, who is plainly in no need of protection from his servile staff. The only reason *The Guardian* forged the letter was that Al-Fayed asked it to.

Mohamed Al-Fayed has been involved for many years in a bitter row with "Tiny" Rowland over the manner in which the Fayed brothers got possession of Harrods. The upshot was that Mohamed Al-Fayed was branded a liar by the report of a DTI inquiry. Al-Fayed was so embittered by the charge that he has thirsted for revenge against the Government ever since. One way he has tried to settle the score is to corrupt Conservative MPs and then expose them, on the humbugging grounds that he is "concerned" by the decline of public standards in Britain. Another way is to entrap journalists and so oblige them to help his vendetta. If Rowland had *The Observer* in his pocket, why should not he, Al-Fayed, have *The Guardian*?

Why and how Preston, who is an editor of long experience, fell into Al-Fayed's yawning and obvious elephant trap is hard to explain. But he is in it, right up to his neck. Forgery is a serious crime. In 18th-century Britain it was held to be, in a commercial nation, one of the most dangerous of all crimes, and was punished by death. This was the penalty paid by Dr Johnson's acquaintance, the Rev William Dodd, chaplain-in-ordinary to George III, who got into financial difficulties and in desperation forged the name of his former pupil, Lord Chesterfield, on a bond. But if forgery is especially wrong in a clergyman, is it not equally outrageous — perhaps more so — in a newspaper which has a particular responsibility to publish the truth? Forgery ceased to be a *capital offence in the 19th century*, but the law continues to punish it heavily. And Preston's peril does not end here, for he appears to have engaged not just in forgery but in conspiracy to commit forgery.

It will be interesting to see how Preston proposes to extricate himself from the almighty mess into which he *has plunged himself and his honourable* newspaper. Defending Dr Dodd, Dr Johnson argued that his offence "has no very deep dye of turpitude. It corrupted no man's principles; it attacked no man's life". Preston's forgery, it seems to me, *was* an act of turpitude. It gave him the chance to harm a democratically elected Government and destroy, if not the life, then the *reputation and career* of a minister.

I do not know what the Director of Public Prosecutions intends to do about this deplorable case, but manifestly the public needs to be reassured that a newspaper cannot commit forgery and get away with it. As for Preston himself, I do not see how he can be allowed to continue as editor. Readers of *The Guardian* are famously loyal to their paper, and if Preston continues to refuse to recognise the extent of his folly, and the trustees to whom he is answerable fail to act, then the readers themselves should make their feelings plain.

No sex please

NOT CHASTITY-BELTS exactly, but moves are afoot to protect Cambridge's first-year *ingénues* from the sexual depredations of their elders. The authorities of Christ's College, I learn, are taking the lead. After rumblings, the JCR president, Annilese Miskimmon, has advised second and third-year undergraduates to stay away from freshers.

Aids and the risks of teenage girl students suing the college for sexual harassment apparently provoked the "hands-off" orders. But Annilese insists that this is not a killjoy measure. "We did not mean to be entirely serious about it, but we do have a 'big brothers and sisters' scheme, which is intended to protect freshers' interests."

An incident at Jesus College at the beginning of October, when an undergraduate sustained serious injuries falling off a balcony *at a party, clearly worried many* colleges. As enormous quantities of alcohol are traditionally consumed during first week, there *has* been a general crackdown on the infamous staircase initiation parties.

But an optimistic undergraduate at Trinity College tells me: "All the colleges are cracking down on student behaviour this year — but love and beer will find a way."

● *Merriest lunch table yesterday at the china retailer Thomas Goode's new Mayfair restaurant was strictly female. Ivana Trump, Mona Bauwens and girlfriends were supping champagne and Chablis. "We are talking about men," giggled Bauwens. "And we are still celebrating Ivana's engagement."*



Saving face

RESPLENDENT in an enormous Garrick Club bow-tie, Judge Stephen Tumim was hovering proudly over his daughter Matilda's paintings — scenes of the Orkney Islands painted on pieces of driftwood — at the Contemporary Art Society fair at the Festival Hall on Monday night. "She doesn't get her talent from me," he chortled. "Must be from her mother."

A large, rather abstract portrait of the judge himself by chain-smoking artist Maggi Hambling caused his judicial brow to wrinkle, however: "I can see my bow-tie and my wig. But what is going on where my face should be?"

Hands on

THE CZECHS may benefit from an unexpected bonus as our new man in Prague, Sir Michael Burton, settles in — especially if they suffer sore limbs or similar maladies. Sir Michael's wife, Henrietta, hopes to practise on them her skills in oriental massage.

On Sir Michael's transfer from our mission in Berlin, Lady Burton stayed in London to complete her examinations in Shiatsu and Chinese medicine. After scoring more than 90 per cent in most categories, she's ready to start work professionally. That is, she says "when my diplomatic duties are taken care of".

Bottled up

TUT-TUTS at the Ritz on Monday at the launch of Selina Hastings's biography of Evelyn Waugh. Guests were rationed to one glass of champagne. Lords Gowrie, Longford and Jenkins and Baroness (P.D.) James gallantly moved onto wine, but Sir Robin Day snorted: "The champagne has run out! I only got one glass. What would Evelyn have made of that?"

Sir Peregrine Worsthorne retorted: "He would have gone straight behind the bar and demanded more. He wouldn't have put up with it."

● *John Major was not the only European leader to suffer a difficult moment with his EC Commissioners. In the final hours, Silvio Berlusconi named the flamboyant Signora Emma Bonino as Italy's second commissioner. Aides dispatched to deliver the news eventually found her clad in sandwich-boards in front of New York's United Nations HQ, touting for funds for her Radical Party.*

Raise a glass

CHOKING BACK the odd nostalgic tear, Sir Edward Heath will return to Chequers today for the first time since he left office. He is visiting the Prime Minister's country home with Lord Callaghan to study the new stained-glass windows bearing their coats of arms in the Long Gallery. All former Prime Ministers are commemorated in a window once a heraldic crest has been devised. Only Baroness Thatcher's is now awaited.

The two elder statesmen will lunch with Norma Major, who is still beavering away writing her book on the house's history.

"I will be very interested to see what they have done to it," ruminates Heath. "I completely restored it, of course. I entertained so many people there. When President Nixon came, the Queen flew down from Balmoral — the first and only time the Sovereign has *visited the house.*"

● *Labour's old hands have coined an acronym for members of the 1992 intake promoted by Tony Blair as party whips in preparation for ministerial office: YTS (yuppie training scheme).*



Arms of Edward Heath

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JUST SAY NO

Clarke should reject calls for higher rates from the Bank

The summary of yesterday's quarterly inflation report from the Bank of England was headlined "inflation outlook improves further". To be more precise, inflation at the end of 1996 is now projected at 2.5 per cent, exactly meeting the Government's most ambitious promise, which was to get inflation into "the lower half of a 1 to 4 per cent target range by the end of the present Parliament". Better still, inflation is falling while the country's economic structure is shifting in exactly the way the Bank and the Government had hoped: consumption, housing and public spending have all been relatively weak and are getting still weaker. Exports, plus the first signs of a revival in investment, are the economy's main source of strength.

A rational economist from Mars might well conclude from all this good news that businessmen and homeowners could finally heave a sigh of relief and forget the dire predictions of ever-higher interest rates they hear from the City. The rational observer would be wrong. Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, seems likely to recommend a further increase in interest rates to the Chancellor, if not at their meeting this morning, then next month.

The reason why the Bank is pressing for higher base rates would delight a medieval schoolman: the Government has promised to reduce inflation to the lower half of its 1 to 4 per cent target range, that is to 2.5 per cent or less. Ergo, says the Bank, the present stance of policy, which implies 2.5 per cent inflation, is not tough enough. Why not? Because any forecast of inflation involves a considerable margin of error. Therefore a government which follows the policy most likely to produce 2.5 per cent inflation (which the Bank concedes the Government is now doing) could quite possibly end up with a slightly higher inflation rate. The Bank's advice to the Chancellor is therefore likely to run along the following lines: if you want to establish your anti-inflationary "credibility" you must raise interest rates and go on raising them. This self-flagellation must continue until the economy is so weakened that nobody can imagine inflation rising above 2.5 per cent.

The Bank has done the country and the Government an unexpected service by making this approach to monetary policy so explicit. In arguing for ever-higher interest rates, regardless of the broader impact on the economy, Mr George is only doing the job allotted by the Government to the Bank. Unlike the Bundesbank and the American Federal Reserve Board, which are constitutionally required to support broader national economic objectives, the Bank has been instructed solely to control inflation and ignore all such distractions as employment, investment, exports and growth.

The Bank's single-minded focus on inflation is fine as long as it is merely a policy adviser, adding its voice to others in developing a balanced economic policy. In principle, that is the Bank's role. Monetary decisions are ultimately made by the Chancellor. He must balance the nation's need for a strong and well-structured recovery against the Bank's institutional desire for ever-lower inflation, regardless of economic circumstances and costs.

The trouble is that Kenneth Clarke, despite his robust reputation, may not have the courage or the experience to do this. Two months ago, when the Bank pressed for the last half-point increase in base rates, Mr Clarke came up with no fewer than 11 reasons against it. Nevertheless, after an extra 24 hours' reflection, the Chancellor let the Bank have its head. At some point Mr Clarke will have to pluck up the courage to listen politely to Mr George's deflationary imprecations and then simply ignore them. That time may not be far off.

CARDINAL VIRTUES

The men to lead Roman Catholicism into the next century

The nomination of Monsignor Thomas Winning, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, as one of 30 new cardinals will bring joy to many Scots. Roman Catholicism, especially in the west of the country, is still a powerful force and the new cardinal — only the third to come from Scotland since the Reformation — is a man whose lively intelligence and unconventional views will make him a valuable addition to the Sacred College of Cardinals. Cardinal Winning regards his nomination as an honour to the "nation" of Scotland. In joining Cardinal Hume as the two most senior Catholics in Britain, he will take to Rome some of the rugged individualist qualities for which his country is renowned.

This does not mean that the Pope has chosen an Archbishop who is at odds with the Pontiff's firmly traditional views. On the defining issues of contraception, abortion, the ordination of women and deference to Church tradition, Cardinal Winning, like almost all the new cardinals, is a man comfortable with the prevailing conservative climate in Rome. The Pope indeed has now appointed 100 of the 120 members of the college; not surprisingly, comparisons have been made with the United States Supreme Court, where presidents can and do try to ensure that their political philosophy lives on beyond their term of office by appointing justices who reflect their own views and values.

In failing health, and increasingly concerned by what he sees as the debilitating amorality of a secular world, the Pope knows that it will not be many years before the college undertakes its most momentous task: the election of a new Pope who will set the future doctrinal compass for the world's 960 million Roman Catholics. Talk of a line-up between conservatives and progressives is, however, simplistic. Most cardinals are men of profound and individual views; how each would interpret the spiritual authority of the papacy cannot be defined in advance, as the exuberant example of Pope John XXIII made clear. What can be said with certainty is that the Pope has widened the college's range of experience, although there is still a preponderance of Europeans. The Pope has been influenced by his own experience in rewarding men who have stood as Christian witnesses against Communist oppression, notably Monsignor Mikel Koliqi, the 92-year-old Albanian priest who spent 42 years in labour camps. One appointment of clear political significance is that of the Cuban Archbishop, Jaime Ortega y Alamino, a man who has long advocated closer dialogue between Havana and Washington and is therefore well placed to reassert Catholic influence in Cuba once Fidel Castro's brand of Communism is overthrown.

For some Catholics, however, the choice is still too narrow. They want to see more cardinals from Africa and Latin America, and miss especially the appointment of Monsignor Helder Camara, the towering former Archbishop of Recife. For Pope John Paul, however, Brazil and much of the Third World has become dangerously associated with liberation theology and the challenge to Vatican doctrine on priestly celibacy and other fundamentals. The 30 new men represent a powerful repository of spiritual strength; at this stage in the Papacy it would be unrealistic to look for any change in doctrinal balance as well.

TOURIST TRAPS

Where a little learning may be a less dangerous thing

The swift rescue of the three Britons and an American lured into captivity by Kashmiri militants is a profound relief to their families. So, despite the loss of two policemen's lives, will it be to the Indian government. But it does nothing to lessen the sorrow of the news from Cambodia that the three Western tourists captured in July were killed a month ago by the Khmer Rouge. At the same time the grisly details now being given to an Australian court of the murder of seven backpackers in the bush underline the fact that "adventure" tourism is, by definition, risky.

So, of course, is most travel. Your handbag is more likely to be snatched in Rome than in Bombay. Many American cities are more "dangerous" than most Third World countries. But the Westerner's antennae are often poorly attuned to detect trouble in unfamiliar environments. Before the advent of mass tourism, every voyage to distant lands was an adventure. But travellers voyaged slowly, by boat, train and even mule. They had time to acclimatise themselves to different cultures, different expectations. They listened to local guides, and knew which towns were lawless, which tribes were hostile. Nowadays tourists can get themselves to the remotest parts of the globe in less than 24 hours. And when they arrive, their initial impressions may be misleadingly reassuring: airports and taxis look much the same the world over.

Tourists in search of novelty will push ever deeper into countries avoided by mass-market companies. But though they may seek the frisson of risk and the sense of discovery, they are often unequipped to deal with the disruption and sometimes violence their presence may cause. In particular, they may be naive about the extraordinary temptation for terrorists, hijackers and all those seeking to confront their governments to use Westerners as pawns.

Western governments now issue regular travel advisories, warning tourists which countries or regions to avoid. The countries concerned object strongly, and not only because they resent the inference that their societies are unsafe. Tourism is now a vital earner of foreign currency: a single warning, let alone a kidnapping, can scare away millions of dollars. Egypt, whose booming industry has been devastated by Muslim extremist attacks on Western tourists, has tried and largely failed to get across the message that tourists are at greater risk from the random violence of Miami.

But travel advisories are issued for good reason. No government wants to kill initiative; no parents should lightly discourage the growing practice of using the gap year between school and university to broaden horizons. American tourists who steered clear of Europe during the Gulf War carried risk aversion to absurd lengths. But guerrilla groups know how to exploit publicity and Western outrage. The ruthlessness of recent attacks on tourists should make those planning adventures in the world's outback take more trouble to learn something about the country before setting off.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Aspects of 'sleaze' inquiry and standards in public life

From Mr Mohamed Al Fayed

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt seems a jolly old cove but he would do better to stick to the demi-monde of horse racing, which suits him so well, rather than comment upon standards of probity in public life ("Not fit to be British", November 1) which after all is what the current controversy is about and not just a question of personalities.

Amid the shot and shell that has been exploding lately, I have told the truth and I am determined to continue to do so until all the facts are aired surrounding the politically motivated decision to investigate my acquisition of House of Fraser in 1985 and everything that happened afterwards, particularly how a copy of the inspectors' report got to Lonrho 11 months before it was published by the Government.

Seekers of the truth are not universally popular but then I do not court the admiration of politicians. I am genuinely behind the Prime Minister's drive for open government and share his commitment to the highest standards: from the voluminous postbag I am receiving and the many telephone calls of encouragement it is clear that ordinary people do not readily believe those politicians whose explanations of their conduct have been incomplete or inconsistent.

Writing in *The News of the World* Lord Wyatt called for the deportation of me and my brothers and in your columns he says we are not fit to be British because we "aim to destroy Mr Major and his Government". Leaving aside the fact that this is utterly untrue and absurd, can the truth really be so damaging? I am in no doubt that fresh air is healthy and invigorating for a nation and before long I trust that my intervention will be recognised as having brought only benefits to the way in which we conduct public life in this country.

My family name is Fayed and to suggest otherwise is puerile. I am proud of my heritage and applied for British citizenship for the simple reason that my four youngest children are British citizens and this is my second home. As I often have cause to remember, the ancient Egyptians were building pyramids and studying the stars at a time when the ancient Britons were clothed in furs and daubing their bodies with blue dye.

Yours faithfully,
M. AL FAYED,
Chairman, Harrods,
87-135 Brompton Road, SW1.

From Mr Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, Sir Geoffrey Cox (letter, October 29) is concerned about the damage which is being done to Parliament by the setting up of the Nolan committee. I fear he has not grasped the extent of the growing unease in the nation. The present areas of interest, together with others in recent years, *are* enough *prima facie* evidence that "the Commons lays itself open to the charge that those elected to regulate the actions of the rest of us are not capable of determining, by themselves, how to regulate their own actions".

Even if the transparent hypocrisy of certain sections of the press is heavily discounted many people, I suspect, share the feelings of Lord Nolan himself, whom you report (October 29) as saying that standards in public life have fallen. Moreover, it is baffling when, in attempting to arrest the disease, the Prime Minister sacks a minister against whom nothing has been proved and another keeps his job when the explanations are far from convincing.

It has been suggested that Britain's malaise is not in the same league as the corruption in Italy or France (Riddell on Politics, October 21). Why should we assume that? In local government the present "homes for votes" inquiry in Westminster Council is a separate and worrying issue which adds to my belief that politicians and the public alike have been complacent.

Sir Geoffrey is right to alert us to the implications of an inquiry. However, whether the inquiry will be more damaging than the nation's unease being left to fester remains to be seen; I am in no doubt that the risk is worth taking because confidence in Government needs to be re-established urgently.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY H. LLOYD,
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Little Wilbraham, Cambridge.
October 29.

From Mr H. D. Epstein

Sir, To read (report, November 1) of the unconvincing attempt by the editor of a once-illustrious newspaper to justify the uttering by fax to the Ritz hotel in Paris of a forged document was of itself an unpleasant experience. There is however, a more serious, and broader, issue here.

Those who live by the fax machine have no wish to die by it. To reinstate the *prima facie* veracity of documents received by fax a prosecution is essential. Not to do so would set a dangerous precedent, encouraging others to try their hand at hard-to-detect forgery by fax.

Yours sincerely,
H. D. EPSTEIN,
Epstein, Grower and
Michael Freeman (solicitors),
1 Great Cumberland Place, W1.
November 1.

From Sir Richard Storey, Chairman of Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers

Sir, Subterfuge by newspapers, like treason, "doth never prosper", for if it prosper, none dare call it subterfuge, as Sir John Harington (1561-1612) might have written in his *Epigrams*.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD STOREY,
Chairman, Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers,
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39 Abingdon Road, W8.
October 31.

From Mr L. U. Borenius

Sir, Mr R. V. Bryan is incorrect in stating (letter, October 29) that under the provisions of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1916 a gift is "deemed *prima facie* to have been given and received corruptly" where it is proved that it has been received by a person in the employment of Her Majesty or a public body.

The *prima facie* presumption of corruption created by section 2 only arises where a gift is given "by or from a person or agent of a person holding or seeking to obtain a contract from Her Majesty or any Government Department or public body".

Yours faithfully,
LARS ULRIC BORENIUS,
Karelia, Stocksbridge Lane,
Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
October 29.

From Mr N. T. Farrow

Sir, I am getting rather bored with the current topic of Tory sleaze. How much, for instance, did Robert Maxwell (or the companies which he controlled) contribute in his day to Labour Party funds? Do Labour MPs not take private consultancies?

Yours faithfully,
N. T. FARROW,
13 Chapter Street, Westminster, SW1.

Prime mission of UN in Bosnia

From Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, Commander, Bosnia-Herzegovina Command, Sarajevo

Sir, Your leading article today headed "UN irresolution" is so seriously flawed that I feel bound to reply in order to put the record straight. Such a correction may also cause you to modify your call for a greater degree of enforcement to be used in the UN peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

Much of your argument revolves around differences between Nato and the UN regarding the use of air power and reveals a total misunderstanding of the true nature of the debate. The mandate, and therefore the mission, is principally one of peacekeeping, not peace enforcement. The primary mission of the UN in Bosnia remains that of assisting UNHCR and other humanitarian agencies to sustain the lives of millions of suffering people in the midst of a war.

It is not within the mandate or capability of Unprofor to impose a military solution on the country. Injudicious use of force would take the mission across the line which divides peace from war. This would hazard the lives of not only those engaged on the peacekeeping mission, but the mission as a whole.

If this happened, the enclaves of eastern Bosnia would fall, Sarajevo would return to the horrors of the last two winters and the future of the Croat Muslim Federation would be put into doubt.

First, it was not in February 1994 but in August 1993 that the Secretary General of Nato first committed his air forces in support of the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia to prevent the strangulation of Sarajevo. At that time it was decided that air power would only be called for by Unprofor as a last resort.

This use of force would act mainly as a deterrent and would follow all the normal principles for the use of force in any peacekeeping operation. Force used was to be limited to that necessary to achieve a specific aim. Effort would be made to avoid collateral damage, and strong warnings would be given where possible.

These principles continue to provide the guidance for both air and ground commanders involved in Bosnia, although there have inevitably been some subsequent adjustments to the original co-ordinating arrangements that were established at that time.

Since August 1993, the support given by Nato to the UN mission in Bosnia has been indispensable to the success of the peacekeeping mission as the presence of air power has ensured that UN Security Council resolutions and other agreements are backed by credible force.

To dismiss the destruction of an M18 tank destroyer and T55 tank by airpower as a pinprick or signifying apparent paralysis is to confuse peacekeeping with warfighting. It is interesting to note that if no warning had been given in the latter air strike, a number of children who were playing around that tank would have been killed. This would not have been in the interests of Nato or the people of this country.

Meanwhile, it is not the case that Sarajevo is without utilities. Gas, electricity and water are currently running at an all-time high. Trams run daily. Nor is it the case that Bosnian Serb shelling has resumed in the way implied. Indeed the only serious case of shelling within the Sarajevo exclusion zone since the airport agreement of February 9, 1994, was carried out by government forces.

Aid continues to reach those in need and, more importantly, central Bosnia is fast returning to normality, with the numbers of those dependent on aid significantly decreasing.

All this is being done because of the tireless and often hazardous work of many thousands of young men and women who have been voluntarily contributed by 16 different nations. It is not right that their work should be undermined by ill-informed comment.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL ROSE,
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The Residency,
Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
November 1.

Booker dispute

From Dr Alastair Niven

Sir, The last time Simon Jenkins vituperated on the topic of a literary prize, the proposed UNI fiction award for women writers ("Now a prize of one's own", July 9), his intervention led to the loss of the £30,000 sponsorship promised by the Mitsubishi Pencil Company UK. I think he was horrified at Mitsubishi's behaviour and later on radio expressed regret for what he had brought about.

Fortunately his comments on this year's award of the Booker Prize ("An expletive of a winner", October 15; see also letters, October 17, 20, 21) cannot lead to its withdrawal from James Kelman. Hopefully readers will make up their own minds about *How Late It Was, How Late*, and I have no doubt that some will agree with every smooth metropolitan word which Mr Jenkins writes about it.

However, as one of the judges implicated in Mr Kelman's victory (although his was not the novel I sought to win), I must express bewilderment at Mr Jenkins's utter misreading of the book. Perhaps he should have listened to the Glasgow "alky" who pestered him in a railway carriage years ago, for if he had he might have responded to the accuracy of Kelman's language of dispossession.

There are no doubt many thesaurian alternatives to the F word which appears so frequently in *How Late It Was* . . . , but they are not much used by the likes of Kelman's Sammy or Mr Jenkins's intruder on the train.

What amazed me about the novel, apart from its authentic voice, was its real sense of poetry in a firmly deprived urban setting, its humour and its bleak compassion. At the time of the judging I also felt the novel to be too long, undercharacterised at the edges, and worryingly hard to read for those unfamiliar with its accent; but now that I have read Simon Jenkins on it I believe more strongly that we must have made a good choice.

I hope that in their day *Ulysses* and *Women in Love* would have won the Booker, despite the condemnation they faced, for similar reasons to Kelman's, from those with Jenkins' Ear.

Yours faithfully,
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Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire.

Motoring speeds

From Mr Alan E. Bryett

Sir, Captain Eric Starling's letter (October 26) on the value of expressing motoring speeds in feet per second rather than miles per hour brings to mind my first lesson when learning to drive in central London many years ago. The instructor's comment made a lasting impression: "It's not miles per hour but feet per second in the last fifth of a second which can kill."

Yours faithfully,
ALAN E. BRYETT,
6 Alpine Close, Bromley, Kent.

China and Hong Kong

From the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

Sir, Your paper's article (October 27) on Hong Kong by William Rees-Mogg contains gross misjudgments on at least two vital points.

First, the trouble between Britain and China over Hong Kong began in 1992 when the new Hong Kong governor unilaterally decided to speed up the wheel of democracy by devising a constitutional package for Hong Kong. It did not begin in 1989 by what happened in Tiananmen Square, as alleged by the writer of that article.

For one thing, the Chinese and British foreign ministers still managed to reach an agreement early in 1990 on, among other things, the number of directly elected seats for Hong Kong's legislature for the first three terms after 1997. For another, the two countries agreed on the building of a new airport in Hong Kong and signed the memorandum of understanding in 1991. The momentum of co-operation would have continued had the governor not aborted it with his "reform package" in violation of the past agreements.

Second, it is not China, but Britain, that does not want to have a "through train". Admittedly, a provisional legislature is not the best choice. The best choice is the "through train" envisaged in the relevant China's National People's Congress decision but derailed by the unilateral action of the Hong Kong governor.

The only viable option left to China is the setting up of a provisional legislature. China has said that this caretaker legislature is to be formed by election, with a short term of office. And its powers are to be restricted to areas that have to be dealt with before the first post-1997 legislative council is formed. This is done with a view to ensuring a smooth transition for Hong Kong. Any charge about China in breach of the 1984 Joint Declaration is wide of the mark.

Yours sincerely,
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Preventing suicide

From Mrs Joan Guénault

Sir, In his article, "How to stop suicide" (Body and Mind, October 25), Dr Kieran Sweeney portrays poignantly but very appropriately the emotional impact that the death of a patient by suicide may have on a GP.

His observation, with particular reference to patients with a history of psychiatric illness, that "careful listening by GPs" and easy access to other services in their crisis might just prevent this tragedy, is one which the Samaritans would endorse. Indeed we would extend this view beyond those with a history of mental illness to all who may be considering suicide.

Care for suicidal people must involve effective partnership of all those who can offer them support, which surely must include the whole of our society. The Samaritans' view is that GPs do indeed play a significant role, but must not be made to feel they bear the entire responsibility.

Consequently we have been working with Dr André Tylee, the Royal College of General Practitioners' senior mental health education fellow, to produce a training pack for GPs on suicide awareness, which is to be offered to all GPs as part of the mental health education programme.

This package explores both the aspects of the value of good listening and the partnership of all appropriate sources of assistance. May it play its part in reducing the extent to which, in Dr Sweeney's words, "the possibility of having prevented his death lingers" with any GP.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN GUÉNAULT
(Director of Training),
The Samaritans,
10 The Grove, Slough, Berkshire.

Indonesian rights

From the Reverend P. W. H. Davies

Sir, Further to the letters from Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP (October 4), and Mr Jonathan Humphreys (October 11) and to Bernard Levin's article, "Stop exercising tyranny" (October 25), I had the opportunity last month of talking with Bishop Belo, leader of the Catholic Church in East Timor. On asking him whether reports that the human rights situation had improved a little were correct, he replied that some things were better but others were worse.

Actual instances of the worst human rights atrocities, he said, were fewer, *and he firmly ascribed this to the* restraint exercised on Indonesia by the international attention East Timor has recently received.

However, according to Bishop Belo, the apparent improvement resulting from the reduction of the uniformed military presence on the streets disguises a worsening of conditions. Many soldiers now wear civilian dress and join the ranks of the "undercover" intelligence who observe, monitor and constantly threaten the local population.

To me, during my visit (October 11 to 16), the fear on the streets of Dili was palpable.

Yours etc,
P. W. H. DAVIES
(Assistant General Secretary, International Affairs),
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales,
Allington House,
136-142 Victoria Street, SW1.
October 29.

Mysterious ways

From Mr Antony de Fonblanque

Sir, Your brief item (October 28) recording that the book *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* by His Holiness the Pope lies second in the bestseller lists to Alan Bennett's *Writing Home* appears under the headline "God and Bennett".

If this is a subtle way of suggesting that His Holiness collaborated with a ghost writer (however holy), may I point out that in his book the Pope is not speaking *ex cathedra*, and lays no claim to infallibility.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY de FONBLANQUE,
Clare Priory Farm House,
Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk.
October 27.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 1: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman, Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk Competition, this morning chaired a meeting of the Panel of Judges at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended a Reception at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London SW1. Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

By Command of the Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Departure of The Duke of Kent for the United States of America and bade farewell to His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh (Admiral, the Honourable Company of Master Mariners) was represented by Captain Terence Sandell (Master) at the Memorial Service for Captain James Dunkley (formerly Master) which was held in St Michael's Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4, this morning.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

November 1: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended a Reception and Dinner at Christ's College, Cambridge.

November 1: The Princess Royal, President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this afternoon attended the Seventy Fifth Anniversary Luncheon at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Seventy Fifth Private Appeal Committee Meeting and Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 1: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Association for Spinal Injury Research Rehabilitation and Reintegration (ASPIRE), this morning received representatives from the charity and major sponsors.

November 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening attended a Dinner given by His Excellency The Ambassador of The French Republic at 11 Kensington Palace Gardens, London, W.8.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

November 1: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, this morning attended the Annual General Meeting and afterwards presented the British Consultants of the Year Awards 1994 at the Churchill Inter-Continental, 30 Portman Square, London W1. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
November 1: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Hanover Band, this morning left London Heathrow for New York, to attend a concert. Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Jersey Milk Marketing Board, Five Oaks, St Saviour, Jersey, the Channel Islands, and later opened Mont-à-l'Abbé School, Mont-à-l'Abbé, St Helier.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Occupation and Liberation Tapestries, the Jersey Museum, the Weighbridge, St Helier. Fiona, Lady Astor of Hever was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 1: Princess Alexandra, Vice President, this afternoon presented the first Muriel Monkhouse Award on behalf of the British Red Cross Society at 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London W1.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy visited the Park Lane Fair in aid of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at the Park Lane Hotel, London W.1. Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Falkland Islanders up a gum tree in the wind

By Nick Nuttall in Port Stanley

A TOUCH of tropical calm is being brought to one of Britain's most remote and windswept outposts, the Falkland Islands.

Dozens of eucalyptus trees arrived on the islands yesterday after a journey from their native Australia to the South Atlantic via the Celyn Vale Nurseries, of Carrog, near Corwen, North Wales, which bred them from seeds.

The trees are part of plans by David Tatham, the islands' governor, to soften and beautify the harsh, near-treeless landscape in and around Government House.

If the plants thrive, the aim is to use them as windbreaks around houses against the fierce South Atlantic gales and to provide shelter for lambs. The Falklands have no native trees.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Andrew McConnell, of Celyn Vale Nurseries, with a sapling bound for Port Stanley

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will unveil a monument to General Don José de San Martin at the north-east corner of Belgrave Square at 11.30; and later will attend a reception at the Argentine Ambassador's residence at 49 Belgrave Square.

Prince Edward, as Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend the Hilton International American Express presentation and dinner at Painters' Hall at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend a council meeting at 80 Portland Place at 9.35; and, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Logistic Corps, will attend a dinner at the Princess Royal Barracks, Blackdown, at 7.30 to mark 200 years of transport support to the British Army.

Princess Margaret will plant the first British Red Cross rose in Cadogan Place Gardens at noon; and, as Patron of the Purine Research Laboratory, will attend a reception given by the Purine Metabolic Patients Association at Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers, New Bond Street, at 7.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Granta Housing Society's residential home for frail elderly people, Southwell Court, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, at 11.00; will open the new residential extension at the YMCA, Gonville Place, Cambridge, to mark the association's 150th anniversary at 12.05; as patron, will visit the Papworth Trust headquarters, Papworth Everard, at 1.45; and will open Acre Ward (mental health inpatient unit) at Hinchingbrooke Health Care, NHS Trust, Huntingdon, at 2.40.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will open the new veterinary centre of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals at Barker Butts Lane, Coventry, at 3.45; and, as patron, will attend the 25th birthday celebration dinner of the Jacob Sheep Society at Chatsworth House, Bakewell, at 7.15.

Autumnal colours bathe RHS show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

AUTUMN is having its final fling at Westminster, with colourful pumpkins and squashes and trees and shrubs in seasonal attire among the main ingredients of the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened yesterday.

The pumpkins, gourds and squashes being shown by Caroline Boisset, of Castle Donington, Leicestershire, range from the rich orange pumpkin "Autumn Gold", through the glaucous pumpkin "Crown Prince" and bottle gourds, to the orange, green and cream "Turk's Turban" gourd.

A conservatory has been created by Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, and filled with tender subjects including oranges and lemons, and tibouchina with sumptuous velvety purple flowers, while "outside" there is a varied collection of hardy trees and shrubs for autumn and early winter colour: Mahonia "Winter Sun" with big yellow cartwheel flowers, *Mahonia japonica* whose evergreen foliage has turned scarlet for the winter, and berrying shrubs such as *Callicarpa bodinierei* "Profusion", whose violet berries have become really conspicuous since the leaves were shed. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Among the best trees for autumn tints are the liquidambars (sweet gums) with lobed, maple-like leaves. Starborough Nursery, of Edenbridge, Kent, is showing the variation in leaf colour, size and shape that occurs in *Liquidambar styraciflua* when it is grown from seed. The large-leaved "Moonbeam", whose leaves start soft yellow in spring, is one of several named cultivars on this stand.

The show is also rich in cacti, succulents and other tender plants. Showing large specimen cacti and succulents are Southfield Nurseries, of Morton, Lincolnshire, and Westfield Cacti, of Kennford, Devon.

Echeveria species and hybrids — rosette succulents, native mainly to Mexico — are being shown by H.R. Jeffs and G. Southon, of Nutfield Nurseries, South Nutfield, Surrey. Good leaf colour *can now be seen in those which* take on red tints in winter. An unusual specimen is a cristate form of *Echeveria agavoides* with many small, overlapping, scale-like leaves. There are some new *agavoides* hybrids from California - "Ebony" and "Maria", which promise to grow large.

The papery flower bracts of bougainvilleas come in many colours other than the ubiquitous magenta, as shown by Westdale Nurseries, of Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire.

The RHS competition for ornamental plants is exceptionally well supported, with Stourton House Garden, of Warminster, Wiltshire, scooping the Stephenson Clarke cup for four trees or shrubs with autumnal foliage: a brilliant flame-coloured exhibit of *Hydrangea* "Rosewarne Lace", *Berberis* "Gold Ring", *Rhododendron luteum* and a liquidambar. The first prize for four trees or shrubs with autumnal fruits has been won by Marie-Christine de Laubarede, of Drayton, Oxfordshire, who is showing *Cotoneaster* "Cornubia" (red berries), *Berberis wilsoniae* (red), *Sorbus hupehensis* (white) and *Crataegus lavallei* (flame).

In the display of paintings and photographs by botanical artists, the following have been awarded a gold medal: Elisabeth Dowle, of East Grinstead, Sussex (watercolour paintings of violas and violettas); Cherry-Anne Lavrih, of Isleworth, Middlesex (watercolour and gouache of awarded orchids); and Masako Sasaki, of Merton Park, London (watercolour and pencil drawings of streptocarpus).

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a foundation lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Lord Justice Neill, Mr Michael Huebner, Mr Ken Olisa and Professor Richard Sussking also spoke.

British Academy of Forensic Sciences
The Lord Chief Justice delivered the Lund lecture to members of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences and their guests at the Law Society last night. Dr Patrick Lincoln, chairman of the executive council, presided. Afterwards the Lord Chief Justice was entertained at dinner by Mr B.G. Sims, president of the academy, and officers and members of the executive council.

Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
The Earl of Selborne, President of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, presided at the annual Harben dinner held last night at 28 Portland Place. Professor Denis Pereira Gray, Professor of General Practice, Exeter University, was the guest of honour and had earlier delivered the 1994 Harben lecture. Dr Hastings E.A. Carson received an honorary fellowship of the institute.

1912 Club
Sir Cranley Onslow, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held in the House of Commons last night by invitation of Mr Roger Sims, MP, chairman.

Samuel Pepys Club
The Hon John Montagu, President of the Samuel Pepys Club, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly. Mr Derek Stephen, chairman, and the Right Rev Michael Mann also spoke.

Service dinner

RMCAS
The annual dinner of the Royal Military College Air Squadron was held last night at RMCS Shrivenham. Air Vice-Marshal D.J. Saunders, Air Officer Engineering and Supply, Strike Command, was the guest of honour.

Memorial services

Sir Alexander Johnston
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Alexander Johnston was held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev John H. McIndoe officiated, assisted by the Rev W. Alexander Cairns. Mr Alexander Johnston, son, read the lesson and Sir Anthony Battishill, Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, read the gospel. The Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey gave an address.

Among those present were:
Lady Johnston (widow), Mr Brendan Keith and Ms Catherine Johnston (son-in-law and daughter), Ms Jackie Stephenson (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs E Harris, Mrs C Methuen Campbell, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Kemsley-Pein, Miss Amanda Bassett, Mr and Mrs David Harris.
Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH, Lord Bancroft (representing the Order of the Bath), Lord Allen of Abbeydale, Lord Sherfield, Lady Trend, Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, Sir Arnold France, Sir William Slimmings, Lady (Richard) Clarke, the Rev Sir Derek Pattison, Sir Denis Dobson, QC, Dame Mary Smieton, Lady Fiett, Mr and the Hon Mrs Neville Robinson.
Mr Clive Corlett (deputy chairman, Board of Inland Revenue), Mr Clive Brooke (general secretary, Inland Revenue Staff Federation), Mr David Anderson-Evans and Mr Drummond Leslie (Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom), Mr Kenneth Dibben (Universities Authorities Panel), Dr Anne Hogg, Mrs Christian Hardie and Mr Harry Evans (Girls Public Day School Trust), Mr Paul Dixey (also representing the Chairman of Lloyd's), Mr Robin Forrest (Reform Club).
His Honour and Mrs John Coplestone-Boughey, Professor E H Sondheimer, Mr S Golt, Mr Philip Bassett, Mr Geoffrey Hartog, Colonel F G Maxwell, Professor J A D Anderson, Mr N J Adamson, QC, Mr K Parker, Mr Leonard Beighton, Mr Donald D Durban, Professor David and Mrs Sylvia Raphael, Mr Paul Odgers, Mr John Green, Mr Derek Taylor Thompson, Mr and Mrs David Hobson, Mr and Mrs Philip Brown, Mr Ian Spence, Mr Alfred Dalton and Mrs John H McIndoe.

Mr Dennis Potter
A celebration of the life of Mr Dennis Potter was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr Alan Rickman read from Dennis Potter's *Mesmer*. Miss Cheryl Campbell and Mr Freddie Jones from *Pennies from Heaven*, and Mr Melvyn Bragg from *The Glittering Coffin*. Mr Michael Grade, Chief Executive of Channel 4, Mr Alan Yentob, Controller, BBC1, and Mr Kenith Trodd, Producer, BBC Drama Group, re-enacted a scene from *Pennies from Heaven*. Mr Peter Jeffrey read from the works of William Hazlitt. Miss Sarah Potter, daughter, and Mr Nick Ward gave addresses.

Miss Imelda Staunton sang Haydn Wood's *Roses of Picardy*, with words by Fred E. Weatherly, and the Paul Cavaciuti Quintet played music from Dennis Potter's *Pennies from Heaven*, *The Singing Detective* and *Lipstick on Your Collar*. Among others present were:
Mrs Margaret Potter (mother), Mr Robert Potter (son), Miss Jane Potter (daughter), Mr and Mrs E Thomas (brother-in-law and sister) and other members of the family and many friends and colleagues.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.E. Baker and Miss H.E. Goucher
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Baker, of Beckley, Oxford, and Helen Elizabeth, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs D. Goucher, of Iwerne Courtney, Dorset.

Mr N.H.V. Binney and Miss F.S.A. Kebbell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Commander and Mrs T.V.G. Binney, of Rogate, Sussex, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R.D. (Charles) Kebbell, of Grange Wood, Watford, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.P. Gregory and Miss L.A. Connell
The engagement is announced between Adrian, second son of Mr and Mrs S.J. Gregory, of Benenden, Kent, and Lisa, only daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Connell, of Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.C. Langan and Miss S.E. Lavers
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs Breedge Langan, of Tottenham, London and of the late Mr James Langan, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Lavers, of Clemsfold, West Sussex.

Mr D. Marsden and Miss C.M.E. Hay
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Marsden, of Lymm, Cheshire, and Caroline, second daughter of the Reverend Bruce and Mrs Hay, of Smailholm, Kelso.

Captain S.R.A. Miles and Miss G.R. Kennedy
The engagement is announced between Captain Simon Miles, Grenadier Guards, son of Mr and Mrs R.J.T. Miles, of London, SW11, and Georgia Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.I. Kennedy, of Foulsham, Norfolk.

Mr D.C.W. Nash and Miss Y.S. Page
The engagement is announced between Duncan, only son of Mr and Mrs William J. Nash, of Nutley, Sussex, and Yolanda, elder daughter of Mr Leon Page, of St Margaret's Bay, Kent, and Mrs Marlies Page, of Newtown Linford, Leicestershire.

Mr W.F.J. Rees and Miss E.D. Pawlyn
The engagement is announced between Bill, son of the late Mr Michael Rees and of Mrs Sarah Rees, of Hartlip, Kent, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pawlyn, of Wickham, Hampshire.

Mr I. Thubron and Miss K. Hawkins
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mrs Jill Thubron, of Sidmouth, Devon, and the late Mr Peter Thubron, and Keir, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Hawkins, of Fremantle, Western Australia.

Birthdays today

Lord Ashburton, KG, 66; the Earl of Aylesford, 76; Lady (Maurice) Bathurst, diplomat, 74; Sir David Calcutt, QC, former Master, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 64; Sir Clifford Chetwood, former chairman, George Wimpey, 66; Mr John Fingerhut, pharmaceutical chemist, 84; the Right Rev P.H.E. Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester, 65; Dr Ronald Hedley, former director, Natural History Museum, 66; Mr Paul Johnson, author, 66; Mr Alan Jones, racing driver, 48; Dr David Lea, assistant general secretary, TUC, 57; Dr Jack Leonard, chairman, British Technology Group, 63; Sir Bruce Martin, QC, former chairman, North Western Regional Health Authority, 56; Miss Pauline Neville-Jones, diplomat, 55; Sir Peter Newsam, former chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 66; Professor Sir Ronald Oxburgh, former President, Queens' College, Cambridge, 60; Professor Norman Pye, geographer, 81; Mr Ivor Roberts-Jones, sculptor, 81; Mr Ken Rosewall, tennis player, 60; Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, KG, 67; Mr Bruce Welch, Shadows' guitarist, 53.

Institution of Civil Engineers

Dr Edmund Hambly, MA, PhD, FEng, FICE, became the 130th President of the Institution of Civil Engineers on November 1, 1994.

Sir William and Lady Nield

A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Sir William Nield, GCMG, KCB, and Lady Nield will be held in the Crypt Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, November 8, 1994, at noon.

Sheila Lochhead

A memorial Celebration for Sheila Lochhead, née MacDonald, will be held on Thursday, November 10, at noon, in the Canada Room, Royal Commonwealth Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2. Anyone who knew Sheila and would like to join us in this celebration of her life is most cordially invited.

Lecture

British Academy of Forensic Sciences
The Lord Chief Justice delivered the Lund lecture to the British Academy of Forensic Sciences last night at the Law Society. Afterwards the Lord Chief Justice joined Mr Bernard Sims, president, and members of the executive council and their guests at a dinner held at the society.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1699; Daniel Boone, frontiersman, Pennsylvania, 1735; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, Vienna, 1755; Warren Harding, 29th American President 1921-23, Blooming Grove, Ohio, 1865; Victor Trumper, Australian cricketer, Sydney, 1877.

DEATHS: Richard Hooker, theologian, Bishopsbourne, Kent, 1600; Jenny Lind, soprano, Malvern, 1887; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, 1950; James Thurber, humourist, New York, 1961.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government in the Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of Mr Adolfas Slezevicius, the Lithuanian Prime Minister.

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Psalm 38 : 21.22. (REB)

Thursday 10 Nov

BIRTHS

BARDAWIL - On October 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Marlène and Eddie, a beautiful daughter: Willemien-Emma-Marie, a sister for Cédric and Christopher.

CHAKRAVATI - On October 28th at the Wellington Hospital, to Ranvir and Lisa, a daughter, Raphaela Anthea.

GALLETLEY - On October 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Anabelle (née Kenedy) and Angus, a beautiful daughter, Beatrice Mary.

HARRIS - On 26th October, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Donna and Tony, the wonderful gift of two daughters and a son, Antonia, Octavia and Rupert, sisters and a brother for Samuel. Half-brother and half-sisters for Matthew.

HARVEY - On October 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Colleen and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Mary Catherine, a sister for Christopher and Andrew.

HENDERSON - On October 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Sophie and Nicholas, a son.

LETHEM - On October 28th, to Emma (née Groves-Raines) and Mark, a son, Aidan Julius.

LITTLE - Nigel and Adele (Gautier) are thrilled to announce the birth of Jasper George on October 30th 1994 at National Womens Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand. Baby well, parents ecstatic.

McCORMACK - On October 29th, to Emma and Peter, a daughter, Evelyn, a sister to Amelia.

MOODY - On 1st November, to Wendy and Paul of Kinsale, Co. Cork, a beautiful daughter, Camilla.

BIRTHS

PAULMANN - Vera Charlotte at The Portland Hospital on October 29th 1994 to Melitta Gores and Johannes Paulmann.

REED - On October 29th, to Nicola (née Corrie-Hill) and Charles, a son, David.

RELF - On 18th October, to Diane (née Grossmith) and David, a son, Henry James Oliver, a brother to William.

SUTRO - On October 20th, to Sue (née Flynn) and Edward, a son, Jack.

TWISTON DAVIES - On 31st October, to Caroline and Audley, a son.

WALTERS - On October 16th, to Rachel (née Thomas) and Jon, a son, Thomas Owain Llewellyn.

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DEATHS

ADAMS - On October 28th, Ailsa Mary (Mac) Adams, aged 80, formerly of Coutts & Co., late of Riverhead, Kent, dearly loved wife of the late Nick Adams, mother to Murray and Judith and grannie to Scott, Melissa, Grace and Joy. Remembered with love and affection. Service at Charing (Kent) Crematorium on Friday November 4th at 2 pm. Donations to Parkinson's Disease Society or flowers to Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe.

BERRY - On October 31st 1994, at home after illness borne with great courage, Meg (née Jackson), aged 43 years. Beloved wife of Claude and much loved stepmother of Dominic and John, dearest daughter and daughter-in-law. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrews, Halberton, Tiverton, on Saturday November 19th at 2.30pm. No flowers but donations, if wished, to Force Cancer Research, Noy Scott House, Haldon View Terrace, Wonford, Exeter EX2 5DW.

BEVINGTON - On 31st October 1994, peacefully at home on his 91st birthday, James Geoffrey Bevington T.D., beloved husband of Rosemary, loving father of John, Peter and Joanna and devoted papa to Judith, Richard and Lucy. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I. All enquiries to Viner & Sons Ltd., 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent. (0732-842485). A Thanksgiving and Memorial Service will be held at St George's Church, Wrotham, Kent, at 12 noon on Wednesday 9th November 1994.

BLETCHLY - On October 31st, John Digby, loving husband of the late Pen, father of Francis and Arthur. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Great Kimble, Bucks., on Monday November 7th at 2 pm. Flowers to K.Y. Green, tel: (0296) 82041.

BOON - On October 28th in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Dr. William Robert, FRS, FKC aged 83. Beloved husband of Betty, father of Sally, Michael and Heather, brother of Jean, father-in-law of Des (deceased), Helen and Wernl and adored grandfather of Cathy, Robert, Andrew, Julian, Francis, Anna, Rosalind, Jenny and Peter. Funeral Tuesday 8th November 11.30 am at Salcombe Regis Parish Church, Sidmouth, Devon, followed by private cremation for family only. All friends welcome at the church. Donations, if desired, to the Exeter and District Kidney Patients Association of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford c/o Pothbury's Funeral Service, High Street, Sidmouth.

BOOTHMAN - On Monday 31st October 1994, at home, Joan Mary (Spotswood), dear wife of the late Edwin Stevens and of the late Douglas Boothman, devoted mother of Richard, Mary and Anna and loved and loving grandmother. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30 pm on Friday 4th November 1994 at St Peter's Church, Walton on the Hill. No flowers please, but donations, if wished, to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Freepost, PO Box 177, Chesterfield, S41 7BR.

BRITTAIN - William Henry Grattan, October 22nd, suddenly in Bangkok, Bill, much loved son of Idrone and Roger, brother of Charles, Georgina and James, grandson of Bettina and Mary, nephew of Victoria and cousin of Cas and Thea. Funeral Service at Worlingworth Church, near Eye, Suffolk, 2 pm Saturday 5th November. Flowers to Moore Bros., Framlingham, (0728) 723448.

BROCKLEHURST - On 31st October 1994, peacefully in his sleep, Eric Brocklehurst F.P.S., J.P. Beloved husband of Nettie and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Former Sheriff of Kingston-Upon-Hull and past President of the Pharmaceutical Society. He was the perfect gentleman. Service at Brighouse Parish Church, Halifax, West Yorkshire, on Monday November 7th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations would be appreciated to the Benevolent Fund of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society c/o Lawrence Funeral Service, Green Hayes, Bell Hall, Halifax, West Yorks.

BUDENBERG - Cyril Edward. Please note amendment to funeral time for Friday November 4th is now 1.45pm at The Hale United Reformed Church.

CROFT - George, died peacefully in Somerset Nursing Home, Wheldrake, on 1st November, aged 91. Beloved husband of Mabel for 67 years. Retired photo-litho artist, late of Leeds, Nottingham and Bristol.

DE PREE - At Beech Hill, on Monday 31st October 1994, Enid, beloved wife of the late Hugh and mother of Peter and John. Funeral Service on Friday 4th November at St Mary's Parish Church, Haddington at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be sent to Scotland's Garden Scheme, 31 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.

DUNCAN - On October 28th 1994, after a long illness bravely borne, Robert Henry Clare, aged 88. Darling and loving husband of Frances Monica, very dearly loved father of Peter, Patricia (dec'd), Diana and Caroline, and specially adored by his eight grandchildren to whom he was devoted. Private cremation.

GARNER - Ronald Arthur CB, FRICS, former Chief Valuer Inland Revenue, died peacefully on 31st October at his home in St Ives, Cornwall, aged 74 years. Funeral on Friday 4th November at 2.30 pm at St Ives Parish Church. Family flowers only. Donations to Parkinson's Disease Society c/o W.J. Winn Funeral Directors, tel: (0736) 793029.

GOODRICH - Paul Seaton on October 31st 1994 at home with his family after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral 2 pm Friday 4th November 1994 at St John's Church, Shenstone, nr. Lichfield, Staffordshire. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Leon Stephen's Trust Fund c/o F.M. & J. Walt Funeral Directors, 26 Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6PW.

GREENWAY - John Robert Charles, Architect, died peacefully at home 26th October, beloved husband of Zena, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Caterham, 4th November 11 am. Flowers/donations c/o Co-op Funeral Service, 100 Brighton Road, Purley, tel: (081) 660-7622.

GROVES - On October 29th, in her sleep at Suncourt Nursing Home, Sheringham, Norfolk, where she had the kindest care, Sheila Audrey aged 87 years. Beloved wife of the late Ernest, loved and loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother of Susan, Philip, Charlotte, Polly and Solomon and dear friend to many. Funeral Service at the Parish Church in Sea Palling, Norfolk, on Friday November 4th at 11 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but if desired donations for The Children's Society or R.S.P.C.A. may be sent to Blyth & Sons Ltd., 4 Cremer Street, Sheringham, Norfolk NR26 8DZ.

HALL - Peacefully at home on 31st October 1994, Violet, beloved wife of Derek and much loved mother of Amanda, Jonathan and Katherine and grandmother of Natalie, Daniel and Joseph. Funeral private at Putney Vale Crematorium on 3rd November 1994 at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

KAHALE
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MAUNDER - Peacefully on 1st November 1994, Geraldine Georgina Zoe Maunder of Rushden, Herts., aged 88 years. Mother of Christopher Whitton and grandmother of Fiona and Karen. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Rushden, on Monday 7th November at 11.30 am, followed by burial in the churchyard. Flowers and enquiries to W. Austin & Sons, 9/11 Letchmore Road, Stevenage, tel: (0438) 316623.

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POPE-HENNESSY - John Wyndham, peacefully, at his home in Florence, on October 31st. Funeral tomorrow at the Capella di San Francesco Poverino, Piazza SS Annunziata, at 10.30 am.

ROBERSON - Lewis, on October 29th, loving husband of the late Anne, very much loved father of Carol and John and grandfather of Anne, Kate, Sophie and Jeremy. Funeral Service at St Sampson Parish Church (Golant) on Monday November 7th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the RNLI.

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SIR JOHN POPE-HENNESSY

Sir John Pope-Hennessy, CBE, art historian, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, 1967-73, and the British Museum, 1974-76, died in Florence on October 31 aged 80. He was born in London on December 13, 1913.

INEVITABLY he was known as The Pope. When he patrolled the corridors of the V & A and later the British Museum members of the staff were known to genuflect. And on at least one occasion it was not behind his back. The nickname, which was applied quite early in his career and stuck, derived in large part from John Pope-Hennessy's air of apparent infallibility — and not just on matters of art history. He made pronouncements which were rarely open to debate and he was generally right.

Moreover, the Pope-Hennessy statements were made from a considerable height. He stood at well over six foot and carried much of the military bearing of the world in which he grew up: his father became a major-general and of his two godparents one was another general and the other an air marshal. The Pope-Hennessy stare was unwavering and immediately deterred any impertinent question, although it gave him, according to one observer, a slightly "fishy" look. The least military part of him was his voice, curiously high-pitched and much imitated by those who reported or repeated his words.

John Wyndham Pope-Hennessy exuded authority. He was born into the governing classes and carried on their best traditions. His grandfather, another John Pope-Hennessy, was born into a poor Cork family but quickly shook off those beginnings, won a seat in Parliament and ended by governing a number of British Crown Colonies, including the Bahamas, Barbados, Hong Kong and Mauritius. His grandson took care not to visit any of them, since they contained little of artistic interest to him, and decided to govern museums instead.

The family background, though, did instil in John Pope-Hennessy not just administrative skill but also a strong sense of public service. Until his retirement to a Florentine palazzo not far from the Ponte Vecchio he rarely strayed far from large institutions. In London there was his beloved V & A, which he felt slid swiftly downhill after his departure. Then after a brief spell at the British Museum came the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. All provided bases for the scholar-curator. Behind closed doors could be heard the sound of the Pope-Hennessy typewriter. From 1936 when he published his first book, a study of the Sienese painter Giovanni di Paolo, until his death there was a constant flow of published work of high distinction, concentrating mainly on the Italian schools.

A typewriter was one of the most treasured possessions in the Pope-Hennessy nursery and a portable gramophone was another. John McCormack's son was one of his contemporaries at Downside and Pope-Hennessy grew up passionate about opera, and especially the singers of the "Golden Age", hearing quite a lot of it in London and in Europe. When eventually he joined the board of Covent Garden his comments in committee were frequently lacerating: he spoke with his customary authority not only on visual standards, which he often found lamentable, but on vocal ones as well.

Before going up to Balliol he had already had an introduction to Kenneth (later Lord) Clark via a friend of his mother's, Logan Pearsall Smith. In a rare burst of personal enthusiasm Pope-Hennessy described Clark as the "new meteor in the artistic sky" and as "everything I aspired to be". Clark was Keeper of Western Art at the Ashmolean during his time at Oxford and the friendship was cemented. Indeed, that first monograph on Giovanni di Paolo was dedicated to Clark. But the two men were very different. Clark became a great and successful populariser of the visual arts on television, which was not a medium Pope-Hennessy took to or cared for.

Surprisingly, John Pope-Hennessy only managed a second at Oxford. But he received entrées into the right artistic circles. Apart from the support of Clark he began to review books for Raymond Mortimer on the *New Statesman*. He had an introduction to Bernard Berenson (Pearsall Smith again) and spent three years in Italy thanks to the sale of some coconut islands off Borneo bequeathed to him by an uncle. By his early twenties he had decided upon his career and with one small setback he followed it. The setback was at the National Gallery, which he joined in 1936 and was judged "unsuitable".

No one was to use such a word again. In 1938 he went to the V & A's department of painting and he stayed in the Cromwell Road for 35 years, apart from the war period spent in the Air Ministry. This period he discussed little, but he did receive a military MBE for his work in the intelligence arm. However, he let slip in his autobiography, *Learning to Look*, that for the first time in his life he met ordinary people, "... people whose interests did not in some way conform to my own, I mean, and to my surprise I found them congenial and interesting".

The first postwar decade saw a series of his publications on both painting and sculpture, chiefly but not exclusively Italian, which by themselves would have focused attention on him as a leading scholar. He produced the monographs *Paolo Uccello* (1950) and *Fra Angelico* (1952), a catalogue, *The Drawings of Domenichino at Windsor Castle* (1948) and *A Lecture on Nicholas Hilliard* (1949), as well as short studies of some individual works of art in the V & A. He also devoted a good part of his formidable energies to acquiring important works of sculpture for the museum. Above all, however, he was consolidating by travel, lectures, reviews, articles, and sheer personality, a very prominent place on the English and international art-historical scene. He meant to make his mark, and at times seemed striving rather stridently to do so. On the retirement of Sir Leigh Ashton in 1955 there was talk of Pope-Hennessy succeeding to the directorship, but Trenchard Cox was selected instead. In 1967 Pope-Hennessy, who had been appointed CBE in 1959, succeeded him.



Although some momentary disappointment in 1955 was probably inevitable, it is impossible to feel that delay proved harmful to either Pope-Hennessy or the museum. His qualities were fully and admiringly recognised by the new director, and at the same time he was free of heavy administrative duties. He produced a group of volumes, *Italian Gothic Sculpture* (1955), *Italian Renaissance Sculpture* (1958) and *Italian High Renaissance and Baroque Sculpture* (1963), which were much praised. He served as Slade Professor of Fine Art at Oxford in 1956-57, and at Cambridge in 1964-65. He published in 1964 his long-awaited *Catalogue of Italian Sculpture in the Victoria and Albert Museum*, a massive piece of justly-appreciated scholarship. He was particularly attracted by the American scene (which he had first known as a boy when his father was military attaché to the British Embassy in Washington) and was in considerable demand as teacher and lecturer. In 1966 he published *The Portrait in the Renaissance*, being the Mellon lectures, given in Washington. In 1971 appeared *Raphael*, being the Wrightsman lectures, given in New York.

In addition to other books and articles, and while continuing his work as reviewer, Pope-Hennessy was increasingly involved in official cultural activities. His interests were wide. He read omnivorously and had a very deep feeling for music. Opera and theatre first-nights were assiduously attended. By 1967 he was the obvious, deserving successor to Sir Trenchard Cox at the museum. His efficiency and rapid grasp of problems — combined with serious scholarship and pronounced taste — resulted in a distinguished tenure. He was knighted in 1971.

In 1974 he moved to become director of the British Museum, in succession to Lord Wolfenden. His tenure there, only three years, was unexpectedly short. For this there were probably two major reasons.

The first was the brutal murder of his younger brother James a few weeks after he had taken over at the BM. James was a successful author and biographer, but with a taste for low life as well as for more elevated circles (he had written the official biography of Queen Mary). The contrast between the two men was enormous: John lived, surrounded by the works of art he loved, in an elegant house in Bedford Gardens, Kensington, just south of the crest of Notting Hill, while James was to be found a little further down the hill in a darkened, rather grimy maisonette in Ladbroke Grove. There in January 1974 he was savagely beaten to death by intruders, one of whom had been his lover. The loss of James, whom he rightly described as "a French romantic washed up in the 20th century", was considerable to a man who never contemplated marriage.

The other cause was more practical. He became disenchanted with the problems of an institution not primarily concerned with art. Some of the privacy of the V & A, where he had been guarded by a dragon-like secretary, had disappeared and he made no secret of his distaste for the actions of his successor, Roy Strong. He left for the Museum of Modern Art in New York, becoming eventually consultative chairman of the Department of European Painting.

New York, a city with which he had long-standing family connections, suited him admirably, not least in the social sense. He had long been expert in handling the *grandes* — and rich — *dames* of the Manhattan arts world. They liked him and he at least pretended to like them. He had a niche in a great museum, without the cares of the responsibility of running it day in and day out. He had a professorship at New York University, which absorbed his still considerable energies and yet allowed him to be productive as a scholar. Above all in New York he had a status which was probably unattainable in London, despite all his achievements in that city.

No wonder that when he decided to retire to Florence, the city which he had first discovered in his early twenties, he described himself as "an emigrant American with a British passport".

As a scholar, he was tenacious rather than profoundly thoughtful or original. In the tradition of Berenson (with whom he remained friendly), his scholarship was founded on connoisseurship, and he made little attempt to analyse cultural periods, examine stylistic labels or concern himself with the nature of art as a phenomenon.

Italian art and Italy (especially Florence) were his first and last loves. His books convey a good deal of the man: efficient, lucid, but possibly more sweepingly straightforward than art ever was or can nowadays be supposed to be. It seems typical that he would write of artists "excogitating", rather than creating, their work; and in his desire for clarity, he tended to be impatient of highly-learned, subtle exegesis.

Beneath the chill, often autocratic manner there was another John Pope-Hennessy, not often seen. He was famous for skewering, both verbally and in print, those whose standards did not match up to his own. If Roy Strong received some poison darts then his successor at the V & A, Elizabeth Estève-Coll, got the full venom-coated spear for her "policies of brainless vulgarity". But within a small circle of friends the Pope-Hennessy guffaw, of an almost music-hall fruitiness, could be heard. When the guard was dropped he could indulge in the simplest of pleasures.

That was not very often. His autobiography, *Learning to Look* (1991), gave very little personal away. The journalists who travelled to Florence to do the ritual pre-publication interviews found a rather lonely man, with the features, now pictured against a Florentine roofscape, taking on a melancholic look. He wrote in that book: "Works of art have always seemed to me to have a supernatural power." And on more than one occasion he confessed that he preferred objects to people.

ANSELL EGERTON

Ansell Egerton, City Editor of *The Times*, 1962-67, died on October 30 aged 69. He was born on July 24, 1925.



AN AUSTRALIAN by birth, Reginald Ansell Day Egerton moved with ease through the British academic, City and business establishments. Born in Melbourne, he was educated at Eton and Melbourne University before going on to Oriel College, Oxford. In the early 1950s he went to Queen's University, Belfast, where he lectured in economics. Belfast was also where he met and began a long-standing friendship with Philip Larkin, which was later to flower in the published correspondence between him and his first wife, Judy, and Larkin.

Both at Oxford and later in Belfast, under Professor Charles Carter, his mind turned to the conundrum of risk-taking in business and how to assess it. The result was an initial article entitled "Gambler Preference? Or Safety First?" in the Oxford *Economic Papers*, which four years later blossomed into a book, *Investment Decisions Under Uncertainty*.

But theory was one thing. Egerton had his eyes on the real thing and in the mid-1950s the opportunity came: *The Times* was expanding its City staff and he joined the paper as an assistant financial editor in 1956, becoming assistant City editor in the following year.

For the next decade Egerton played a major part in the expansion of City coverage in *The Times*, first alongside William Clarke, the City editor, succeeding him in 1962. It was a period when City news was moving from simple stock-market coverage to embrace economic and political assessments at home and all the implications of the newly formed Common Market abroad. Soon the City Office had financial correspondents in Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt, Luxembourg and New York and was coming to terms with an embryo market on its doorstep, the so-called Eurodollar market, which over the next four decades was to embrace every financial centre.

This was the happiest period of his business life. He was working at the heart of a City of London which was reviving strongly against all international odds, and in a team that was making its mark. On his staff at that time were two young journalists — Andreas Whittam Smith, later founder of *The Independent*, and Christopher Fildes, the *Spectator* columnist.

The next steps were perhaps inevitable. The real world of the City continued to beckon and, amid the sharp changes that followed from Lord Thomson's takeover of *The Times* in 1966 (after which Egerton was promoted to become an assistant editor), the offer of a directorship at one of the leading merchant banks, Schroders, was difficult to refuse. He joined a young team, enticed there by Gordon Richardson, soon to become Governor of the Bank of England, and over the next six years, as an executive director, Egerton was to learn at first hand as much as most about export risks.

Within six years of joining Schroders he was appointed first managing director of Standard and Chartered Merchant Bank, but within little more than a year he had resigned. It was an experience that he coped with calmly and from which he emerged virtually unscathed. Merchant or investment banking and commercial banking are uneasy bedfellows: the former willing to take decisions quickly and easily, the latter inevitably preferring a more corporate, considered, approach. Egerton soon found the gap too wide to straddle and said so candidly almost at once. They agreed to differ. Other commercial banks, in making similar merchant banking appointments, had far more acrimonious experiences.

The rest of his business life centred around Rothmans International, where he acted as corporate affairs director. He was also chairman of Norton Villiers Triumph. In retirement he lived in Somerset, commuted to Boodle's for rounds of bridge and was chairman of the Conservative Association of Taunton until 1993. But he remained active commercially. In 1991 he became the first chairman of Taste of the West, an association of quality foods and dairy producers in the West Country.

He is survived by his wife Wendy and by two daughters from his first marriage.

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HILARY STEVENSON

Hilary Stevenson, OBE, scientist, died from cancer on October 5 aged 47. She was born on January 12, 1947.

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In spite of a prolonged illness, she continued to make a substantial contribution to her field and indeed had a major role in bringing an international conference to Belfast in June of this year. She was actively involved not only in the organisation of the meeting, but demonstrated to that conference that the work which she led was outstanding on a worldwide basis.

Hilary Stevenson directed a number of international programmes and was research co-ordinator for a programme on behalf of the European Union's Bureau Comité de Référence. She also actively participated in conferences organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations. She collaborated with others across Europe, the United States and South Africa.



In the course of her work she also made many contributions to scientific literature and had many invitations to speak on her subject. She edited and contributed with a colleague to a book on *Food Irradiation and the Chemist* and at the time of her death was working on another book, *Detection of Irradiated Food — Current Status*.

It was for her contribution to the field of irradiation detection that she was appointed OBE in the 1993 Birthday Honours.

Mary Hill (Hilary) Stevenson was a native of Coleraine and attended Coleraine High School. She graduated from Queen's University, Belfast, with a first in both chemistry (1969) and agricultural chemistry (1970). After graduating Stevenson joined the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland as a lecturer at Loughry College of Agriculture and Food Technology. During her period at Loughry she was seconded to the University of Strathclyde where she obtained an MSc in food science and food microbiology.

In 1974 she transferred within the department to take a position in the Agricultural and Food Chemistry Research Division at Newforge Lane, where her interest was in poultry nutrition. In 1974 she joined the staff of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science, Queen's University, Belfast, as a lecturer. At the time of her death she was Reader in Food Science at the university.

In addition to her wide-ranging teaching responsibilities in the agriculture and food science courses, Stevenson's contribution on many other matters was appreciated by colleagues and students alike. She was always a source of wise counsel. She was a member of the Institute of Food Science and Technology and the Nutrition Society and a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry; she had also served as a member of the Council of British Poultry Science.

Hilary Stevenson is survived by her husband Noel whom she married in 1976.

ON THIS DAY

November 2 1946

King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and the two princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret, were given an enthusiastic reception when they attended the Royal Command film performance.

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ROYAL COMMAND FILM PERFORMANCE

Great crowds thronged Leicester Square last night when the King and Queen, accompanied by the Princesses, attended the first Royal Command film performance at the Empire Theatre. A few hundred yards from the theatre cheering crowds closed in round their cars, and three mounted police, riding abreast, had to force a way for them.

For two hours police linked hands and struggled to control the crowds and make a way for the film actors and others going to the theatre. Several of these guests were unable to reach the theatre in time for the opening. Many women fainted and were taken into the theatre for first aid.

Mr. Michael Powell, joint maker of the film *A Matter of Life and Death*, of which this was the first showing, was among the late arrivals. "It took me an hour to get here," he said, "and most of that time I was struggling through the crowd."

Mr. Attlee, the Prime Minister, slipped through the crowd unobserved a few minutes before the royal party arrived.

Over 100 first aid cases were treated in the improvised dressing station in the theatre foyer. Most of them were girls overcome with hysteria, but three were sent to hospital.

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Why are legislative inquiries into alleged corruption not automatically shown on television as they are in other countries?

Nothing to hide? Let viewers decide

IN THE current Hollywood thriller, *Clear and Present Danger*, when Harrison Ford, as a CIA agent betrayed by his bosses and his President, staggers back from the jungles of Colombia, enters a television-lit Senate committee room and raises his right hand, even a London audience knows that the happy ending has arrived. The truth will out.

It could happen here, but it hasn't yet. Britain is still virgin to one of the deepest experiences television can provide: live, uncut and continuous coverage of a legislative investigation into corruption in high places. This country has not had its counterpart to the Army-McCarthy hearings which transfixed America in 1954.

Then the national network ABC cleared its daytime schedules for nearly two months while witnesses appeared for and against Senator Joseph McCarthy's charge that the Army had harboured subversives. On the thirtieth day of the hearings, after McCarthy had blackened the name of a young man on the staff of the defence team, the chief defence counsel, an elderly Boston lawyer, wiped his eyes. "God may forgive you, Senator," said Joseph Welch, or words to that effect, "but I cannot." Nor did the public. McCarthy had demolished himself, on camera.

Ever since, the televised hearing that brings the country to a *standstill has* been part of the American political process. I was in Wood's Hole on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, three years ago when the Senate Judiciary Committee was investigating Clarence Thomas's fitness for appointment to the Supreme Court. Every TV set in town — from motel to conference centre to fried-clam shack — appeared to be tuned to the same room in Washington where Professor Anita Hill was charging Thomas with sexual harassment. The spectacle was no "media circus". It did not demolish Thomas. He got his lifetime seat on the highest judicial bench. But it opened a national debate, which continues, about the credibility given to the female voice.

Britain, too, can come to a halt while the whole country is glued to the screen. But for a World Cup final, a Moon landing, a royal wedding. Not for politics.

The Scott inquiry might have provided the moment of initiation for this idea whose time came 40 years ago. But Scott barred television. Instead, for the drama of the present and former Prime Minister being questioned about what they knew about arms sales to Iraq, we had to make do with Victorian-style artists' impressions. And for the forthcoming examination of the extent to which MPs are for sale, we shall apparently have nothing livelier than



BRENDA MADDOX

Tony Benn's notes to help us to imagine the scene.

Now the Tory arguments for keeping the cameras out of the Privileges Committee's hearings on cash for questions come fast and smooth. As well they might. The same arguments were mustered successfully for 25 years to prevent the televising of Parliament itself: dignity would suffer, members would play to the gallery, the public would not understand the proceedings, and innocent people might be hit by mud that would stick.

Even the last of these is hollow. The Privileges Committee, and the forthcoming Nolan committee on ethical standards in public life, will undoubtedly take evidence from all named parties. And because they are not courts of law, anyone who wishes to say more in his or her defence has recourse to the same medium from which the scandals started in the first place: the press.

The Privileges Committee fails to recognise the truth which in 1989 *finally got the cameras into* Parliament. This is (according to a House of Commons fact sheet) "the House did not have the right to deny access to its proceedings to the millions of people unable to attend the public gallery" and "that a large proportion of the general public relied exclusively on television for information about politics".

Instead of citing precedent, the committee should listen to the clamour for a change in political culture. The public may have put up with secrecy in government for centuries. Now it wants to see how Parliament regulates itself. The absurdity is that all the legal, financial and technical barriers to televising select committees disappeared when the cameras were allowed into Parliament. There even exists, on cable, a Parliamentary Channel, offering gavel-to-gavel coverage of both Houses.

So far, few committee moments have warranted live, extended broadcasting: among them, the questioning of the Maxwell brothers on pensions. Much of the fault lies within the committee's structure: composed of backbenchers, ill-supported by research and staff. The result too often (like Prime Minister's question time itself), produces only predictable results. Most viewers get all they want, and probably more, from edited snippets in the main news bulletins.

What has been missing is a subject with the plot and the characters that would compel the network controllers of ITV, BBC2, Channel 4 and Sky to shout "Clear the schedules!" That day would surely come were Mr Al-Fayed to take the stand.

But that is unlikely. A "senior source" close to Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, says protectively that if cameras are allowed in, "you will get the equivalent of an O.J. Simpson trial *in the Palace of Westminster*".

You would not. What you would get is a country paying rapt attention to serious questions of how it is governed. It might even ask itself whether it is paying MPs the rate for the job it expects of them.

When subterfuge is justified

MPs are baying for the blood of *The Guardian*'s editor — but it is in the public interest for journalists and newspapers to expose the truth, argues **John Diamond**

The honest truth is that we journalists sometimes pretend to be who we're not; we sometimes imply that our conversation is mere casual chatter without mentioning the tape recorder strapped to our thigh; we listen at keyholes and peep at windows; we let slip guessed half-truths in the hope of suckering the contact into telling us the full truth.

All this is sometimes justified: if it's a legitimate function of journalism to expose those who would rather stay unexposed then subterfuge is occasionally the only alternative to a national press which reads like *Pravda* written by the staff of the *Little Wittering Weekly Gazette*.

That noble ends may sometimes justify dodgy means isn't in dispute: even the code of the Press Complaints Commission allows for subterfuge "in the public interest". And although defining that interest is notoriously difficult, even the most outraged backbencher has not yet had the neck to suggest that determining whether a minister had his hotel bill settled by a mysterious Arab is not a legitimate pursuit of journalism.

That the hotel bill which landed in the fax tray of *The Guardian* editor, Peter Preston, was, indeed, a facsimile of the real thing, and that the annotation noting that Said Mohammed Ayas had picked up Jonathan Aitken's tab was anything but accurate, isn't up for argument. Nor, come to that, is the method by which Preston originally got his information: he was given it by the hotel's owner, Mohamed Al-Fayed.

But a single non-written source isn't enough, especially for this sort of career-threatening story and especially given that, privately at least, Preston has made it clear that he was unwilling to accept on blind trust the word of the talkative and embittered Mr Al-Fayed.

For the story to work Preston needed to see the bill himself. Mr Al-Fayed wasn't willing to hand it over personally lest its source one day be traced (although nobody has yet made clear who Mr Al-Fayed was protecting himself from, apart from the manager of the Ritz Hotel in Paris), and so Preston faxed a request for a copy of the bill on House of Commons headed paper — he pretended to be, in other words, someone who he isn't.

> "It is like a husband complaining about his wife steaming open his mail to discover details of his affair"

If he'd used the notepaper of any other institution there would have probably been no row. As one *Guardian* writer says: "There are two problems with using Commons paper. The first is that nobody receiving a request written on it would turn down that request and the second is that the Commons is full of people prepared to defend their own interest against any outside interest."

The third problem is that the Commons is notoriously paranoid about the way its writing paper is used. The House will tap its nose and wink indulgently if a member or minister runs a part-time plumbing and heating business from his Westminster office or if he installs his mistress as his secretary, but if he dares to use his Commons paper to quote for a new central heating boiler or, worse, for party rather than parliamentary business, then it's a matter for the Privileges Committee, and no arguments.

The pride and vested interest of parliamentarians aside, should Preston have faked the fax?

Certainly he needed the fax to make the story work: the various sleaze stories had been kicking around *The Guardian* newsdesk for months waiting for hard facts to confirm the word of Mr Al-Fayed. And certainly Preston needed to be seen to protect his source: it's just over ten years since Preston's *Guardian* shopped the wretched Sarah Tisdall for leaking Defence Ministry secrets in its direction and the newspaper has been trying to vindicate itself ever since.

In terms of means and ends, then, Preston had no real choice, even though he must have known that when the story eventually ran somebody would notice the fax number at the head of the notepaper was his own. Preston now says that, on reflection, he should have used somebody else's headed paper; Mr Al-Fayed has said that he was party to the scam which suggests that any notepaper would have done the job. This suggests that using Commons paper might not have been necessary: it doesn't say anything about whether it was acceptable or not.

Certainly the Tory backbenchers, their eyes on their shrinking majorities and the next election, affect to think that the scam was not only unacceptable but that it was even more unacceptable than any alleged impropriety on Mr Aitken's part, which is rather like an errant husband complaining about his wife steaming open his mail to discover details of his affair.

Within hours of the leak to *The Sunday Times* and *The Sunday Telegraph* any number of them were willing to turn arguments about ministerial integrity into one about *press ethics. Alan Duncan, the* member for Rutland and Melton, called for the Privileges Committee to investigate Preston personally. *The Guardian* generally and, just in case any other sleaze is pending, every other newspaper too.

Other MPs called for Preston to be brought to the Bar of the House to apologise to the Speaker. Peter Thurnham, the member for Bolton North-East, told me: "It's complete nonsense for Preston to claim that he used the notepaper to cover his source."

But surely his use of the paper didn't affect the facts of the Aitken case. "It doesn't matter. It's deception. He should be brought to the Bar and made to apologise."

Coincidentally, as two Sundays were receiving the leaked *details of the Preston* fax on Saturday, 200 members of the Guild of Editors were listening to a panel discussion on newspaper ethics at their annual conference in Cumbria. Robert Satchwell, lately an assistant editor on *The News of the World* and now editor of the *Cambridge Evening News*, was on that panel and is less certain than many of his colleagues of the propriety of the tactic. "I'd think it's a rather difficult one to defend within the [Press Complaints Commission] code of practice. When a *story has so many* twists and turns as this one has, it seems a very peculiar way of going about things."

Satchwell's is, if not a lone voice, then a rare one, for almost every journalist I've spoken to, and regardless of political stripe, takes it for granted that the faked fax is no more than a sideshow to the real event. On the other hand Satchwell sums up the real worries of those journalists who are concerned about Preston's tactics: "The press is already under attack by Parliament and there are still some there who want to shackle us."

Indeed, the often-promised White Paper on the press and privacy has yet to appear and although there are those who think it never actually will, *others in Fleet Street* are certain it will pop up when the Government needs it most, which, the way things are going, could be any day now.



Peter Preston: the sleaze stories had been kicking around *The Guardian* for months

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Durex aims for youth in MTV deal

Britain's biggest condom maker plans to use rock music to sell to youngsters. **Alan Mitchell** reports

The condom; it should have everything going for it. The twin spurs of contraception and protection from Aids, plus fears about the long-term health consequences of the Pill, should be quite enough to make it a "must buy" for the sexually active. Add a huge government marketing subsidy — in the UK, a £10 million a year Health Education Authority (HEA) campaign has "use a condom" as one its core messages — and condom marketers should be able to sit back and watch their sales rise with the tide.

They did in the late 1980s, when condom sales increased by 25 per cent after the first scares about Aids. But now, according to Mintel, the market researchers, total UK purchases are rising by less than 3 per cent a year. (They should reach an estimated 163 million in 1994.) Nick Hodges, the chief executive of London International Group (LIG), the world's biggest condom producer and owner of Durex, the leading UK brand, says that only two out of ten sexually active young adults consistently use condoms. LIG is now staking its future on Durex and its ability to increase the use of condoms. LIG made losses of £161 million on sales of £397 million in the past *financial* year. The company has decided to withdraw from other businesses such as photo-processing, make a rights issue, and pursue a different strategy to make Durex a global brand to rank alongside Coca-Cola and Sony.

The first step is a £1 million-plus sponsorship of cult satellite television pop programme, *Dial MTV*. Group marketing director Clive Kitchener says that the *sponsorship will* advertise the Durex brand name to 20 million European homes that have viewers aged 16 to 34. A *Dial MTV* devotee could see the Durex name mentioned more than 1,500 times over the coming year, he calculates. "The build-up of awareness will be incredibly good, and young people will start talking about it among themselves," he says.

Next spring, the name Durex will be advertised across *Europe on television* (it has not been on UK television since 1987). By the end of 1995 packets of other LIG condom brands, which have different names, will all carry a Durex seal of quality — the first step to making Durex the global "brand parent".

Yet, with governments and health professionals around the world all encouraging condom use, why should a brand such as Durex need intensive marketing? Partly because few marketers have such a sensitive sell to make. Insecure, rebellious 16 to 24-year-olds, the core target market, are notoriously difficult for marketers to reach. And trying to influence the conduct of their sex lives comes close to trespassing on the epicentre of their angst.

The question, says Mr Kitchener, is "how do you make protection more acceptable?". Somehow, his marketing has to overcome consumer barriers over such intimate issues as loss of sensitivity, interruption of the sex act, smell, and image. "Condom normalisation", as the HEA calls it, is a real challenge. So far, five of its sex education campaigns since 1986 have tried to break down embarrassment associated with condoms and encourage a positive and open climate. But so far the results are ambiguous. Two thirds of those asked, said that they would definitely use a condom with a new partner, but indications are that only about half did, a figure that has remained unchanged since the campaigns began.

Why? When new partners are moving towards sex, all the cues are behavioural, not verbal, suggests an HEA spokeswoman. Nobody actually talks about whether they are going to have sex, let alone stopping to mention condoms. "We are trying to alter the social script," she says.



Furthermore, according to Mr Hodges, Durex's research indicates that in many countries government-backed education campaigns alienate their target audiences. They sell fear of death rather than fun and enjoyment. And young people "do not like being preached to".

LIG is now conducting worldwide consumer research to see if it can unlock the keys to these social scripts. Should the marketing emphasis be on protection and safety, on sensuality, or fun and enjoyment?

Technology may be part of the answer. Early next year the company introduces a revolutionary new condom in the United States. Called Avanti, it is made out of *polyurethane rather than* latex, which means it is half the width, twice as strong, odourless and colourless.

Yet until some genius finds a way of using mass marketing to influence the intimate psychology and sociology of sex, the condom may remain frustratingly short of fulfilling its true potential — just like so many of the encounters it is concerned with.

Children switch on to soaps

If more than a quarter of Britain's children live in homes that have satellite or cable television, why do so few of them count satellite and cable programmes among their favourites? In the children's top ten compiled by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board, BBC1 and ITV share the honours with five programmes each.

Even when the focus is narrowed to the British homes which have satellite (2,685,000, according to a survey last month for the Independent Television Association) and cable (841,000), programmes on terrestrial channels count for nine of the top ten. The one satellite programme to make it into this group is Sky One's *The Simpsons*.

What our four to 15-year-olds otherwise enjoy is soaps (*Neighbours* on BBC1 is top of both of the charts and *EastEnders*, also BBC1, is third); flesh and blood superheroes (ITV's *Gladiators* is number two in both charts); sit-com (BBC1's *2Point4 Children*); video nasties (ITV's *You've Been Framed*); hospital nasties (BBC1's *Casualty*); modern romance (ITV's *Blind Date*) and Thursday night fever (BBC1's *Top of the Pops*).

But although soaps appear to be this market's favourite fodder, there is no mention here of Channel 4's "young person's soap", *Brookside*, or of BBC2's new Aussie teen buy-in, *Heartbreak High*. Nor are any programmes on the Cartoon Network, Children's Channel or Nickelodeon mentioned.

BRIGID CALLAGHAN

TV TOP TEN: CHILDREN'S VIEWING

ALL HOMES VERSUS SATELLITE AND CABLE HOMES
October 10 to 16, 1994

	Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	TVR All 4+	TVR 4-15yrs
All Homes								
1	Neighbours	Thu	17.37	BBC1	Grundy International	Soap	17.8	21.9
2	Gladiators	Sat	18.12	ITV	LWT	Entertnmnt	19.2	19.9
3	Eastenders	Thu	19.31	BBC1	BBC	Soap	28.4	19.3
4	2Point4 Children	Mon	20.29	BBC1	BBC	Sitcom	23.9	18.4
5	You've Been Framed	Sun	20.30	ITV	Granada	Entertnmnt	28.6	18.2
6	Casualty	Sat	20.01	BBC1	BBC	Drama Series	24.9	17.2
7	Home And Away	Mon	18.00	ITV	Seven Network Aust	Soap	18.4	16.7
8	Coronation Street	Fri	19.29	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	31.0	15.2
9	Blind Date	Sat	19.14	ITV	LWT	Entertnmnt	24.5	13.9
10	Top Of The Pops	Thu	18.01	BBC1	BBC	Music	13.5	13.7
Satellite and Cable Homes								
1	Neighbours	Wed	17.36	BBC1	Grundy International	Soap	19.0	27.3
2	Gladiators	Sat	18.12	ITV	LWT	Entertnmnt	21.4	26.3
3	Eastenders	Thu	19.31	BBC1	BBC	Soap	26.5	23.4
4	2Point4 Children	Mon	20.29	BBC1	BBC	Sitcom	23.2	20.9
5	Casualty	Sat	20.01	BBC1	BBC	Drama Series	23.1	18.4
6	Coronation Street	Mon	19.29	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	26.6	18.6
7	You've Been Framed	Sun	20.30	ITV	Granada	Entertnmnt	23.5	17.0
8	Blind Date	Sat	19.14	ITV	LWT	Entertnmnt	21.0	17.0
9	The Simpsons	Sun	18.51	SKY1	Gracie Films	Cartoon	12.4	16.0
10	Home And Away	Mon	18.03	ITV	Seven Network Australia	Soap	13.7	15.8

TIMES MEDIA AND MARKETING AWARDS

Nestle's Gold Blend advertising won *The Times* award for media in the British and European Sales and Marketing awards presented in Birmingham last week. The Mercury One to One campaign won *The Times* award for marketing.

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NEWS

Bank gives warning of rate rise

■ The Bank of England has signalled that loan rates will have to rise again if the Government is to hit its inflation target. The warning was given less than two months after rates were increased half a percentage point to 5.75.

The warning came despite the fact that the Bank admitted that inflation is likely to stay as low as 2.5 per cent until mid-1996, close to the next election ..... Pages 1, 25 and 27

Hostages in India freed after gunfight

■ Three Britons, held hostage in India by a Kashmiri separatist group, were rescued after a gunfight in which two policeman and a kidnapper died. In Cambodia, three Western hostages captured by the Khmer Rouge, including Mark Slater, from Corby, Northamptonshire, have been found dead ..... Pages 1, 13, 19

Inquiry in disarray

The Commons cash-for-questions inquiry was thrown into disarray as Labour and Conservative MPs failed to agree on whether it should sit in public ..... Page 1

Hangman dies

Britain's last surviving hangman, Syd Dernley, has died at the age of 73. Dernley helped to hang 25 people, including Timothy Evans ..... Page 1

Heseltine rethink

Michael Heseltine was working on a compromise formula designed to give the Post Office greater commercial freedom while selling off only a minority stake ..... Page 2

Tribunal deal

An award-winning Automobile Association shop manager, who was sacked from her job to make way for a boss's mistress, left an industrial tribunal with a £10,000 cheque from her former employers ..... Page 3

Shopping protest

The era of the giant out-of-town retail centre must end to save Britain's high street "shopping heritage", a report from MPs said ..... Page 4

Potter remembered

The memorial service for Dennis Potter blended the religious and the secular with an ambiguity reminiscent of his controversial television plays ..... Page 5

11-plus test resits

More than 18,000 children in Northern Ireland will have to resit their 11-plus tests after pupils at four schools saw the papers before sitting them ..... Page 8

Clinton in demand

President Clinton, his standing boosted by good news on the foreign and economic fronts, is suddenly in demand among Democratic candidates in the mid-term elections ..... Page 14

Police accused

The Australian roadworker charged with killing seven backpackers has broken his silence and accused police of trying to frame him ..... Page 11

Rose airstrike letter

A letter from Lieutenant-General General Sir Michael Rose, expressing opposition to Nato airstrikes against the Bosnian Serbs, is likely to cause outrage in Washington ..... Page 15

Five children killed

A bomb killed five children and wounded 17 in an Algerian cemetery as fundamentalist leaders poured scorn on a promise by President Zeroual to hold elections next year ..... Page 13

Russian share shock

Russian "investment fund" manager Sergei Mavrodi, newly elected to parliament, told investors in his company that their shares are invalid ..... Page 11

Henry Moore fakes flood art market

■ The art market is being flooded with forgeries of sculptures and drawings by Henry Moore. The Henry Moore Foundation in Hertfordshire, which looks after the artist's estate, has files bulging with as many as 350 different cases of fakes, representing only "a small proportion" of what is circulating on the market ..... Page 9



Four of this year's Christmas stamps, which went on sale yesterday. They were designed by Yvonne Gilbert of Newcastle upon Tyne

BUSINESS

Abbey: Eight directors and senior managers of the Household Mortgage Corporation are to receive bonuses of £8 million following the sale of their company ..... Page 25

Television: Nearly three-quarters of homes will be able to tune in to Channel 5 television, due to start before January 1997 ..... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 1.1 points to close at 3096.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 81.0 to 80.9 after a rise from $1.6306 to $1.6347 and a fall from DM2.4576 to DM2.4511 ..... Page 28

SPORT

Football: Osvaldo Ardiles made a dignified and diplomatic exit after being dismissed as manager of Tottenham Hotspur at the end of a difficult 16 months ..... Page 48

Cricket: England drew the opening first-class match of their tour against Western Australia in Perth. Michael Atherton, the captain, was pleased with his team's performance ..... Page 43

Tennis: Chris Bailey, the former British No 3, has retired at the age of 26 because of problems with his right knee ..... Page 46

FEATURES

Rolling icon: Arnold Wesker, the Mick Jagger of the cultural world, talks about playwriting, fame and his autobiography ..... Page 16

FASHION

Smooth operator: The velvet trousers-suit is the key to making the new slick and shimmery look work in the real world ..... Page 17

MEDIA

Public interest? The case of the newspaper that faked a fax in pursuit of the truth ..... Page 23

ARTS

Hall on Hamlet: As Sir Peter Hall prepares his production of *Hamlet* to inaugurate the newly named Gielgud Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue, he recalls the greatest Hamlets of his lifetime — including Sir John Gielgud's ..... Page 35

Giselle updated: English National Ballet's new production of *Giselle* sets the supernatural story in the Austria of the 1920s ..... Page 36

Rising star: At the Wigmore Hall the young Russian mezzo Olga Borodina confirmed her outstanding potential with a highly-charged Tchaikovsky recital ..... Page 36



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **MONSTROUS** *Geoff Brown on the ugly face of Kenneth Branagh's new Frankenstein (left)*

■ ***NEIGHBOURS*** **Janet Daley applauds moves to end the blight of out-of-town shopping malls**

TV

Antony Sher, a memorable Richard III on stage, supplies the voice for a half-hour cartoon version. *Shakespeare — The Animated Tales* (BBC2, 7.30pm) ..... Page 47

COMMENT

Just say no

At some point Mr Clarke will have to pluck up the courage to listen politely to Mr George's deflationary imprecations and then simply ignore them ..... Page 19

Cardinal virtues

The 30 new appointees represent a powerful repository of spiritual strength: *at this stage in the papacy* it would be unrealistic to look for any change in doctrinal balance as well ..... Page 19

Tourist traps

The ruthlessness of recent attacks on tourists should make those planning adventures in the world's outback take more trouble to learn something about the country before setting off ..... Page 19

PETER RIDDELL

Peter Preston, the editor of *The Guardian*, deserves a knighthood in the next round of honours for Fleet Street editors (if there is one), "for services to the Tory Whips' office" ..... Page 10

ALAN COREN

"Historic decoration", says Andrew Saidi of English Heritage, "*is no* less important than bricks and mortar". Tell me, do you catch that *unmistakable whiff of worm which* tells you that a can of them has just been opened? ..... Page 18

SIMON JENKINS

MPs should worry about the spreading stain of "virtual justice". In the case of arms-for-Iraq, Lord Justice Scott has turned an administrative enquiry into an attenuated public trial ..... Page 18

PAUL JOHNSON

Forgery is a serious crime. In 18th-century Britain it was punished by death ..... Page 18

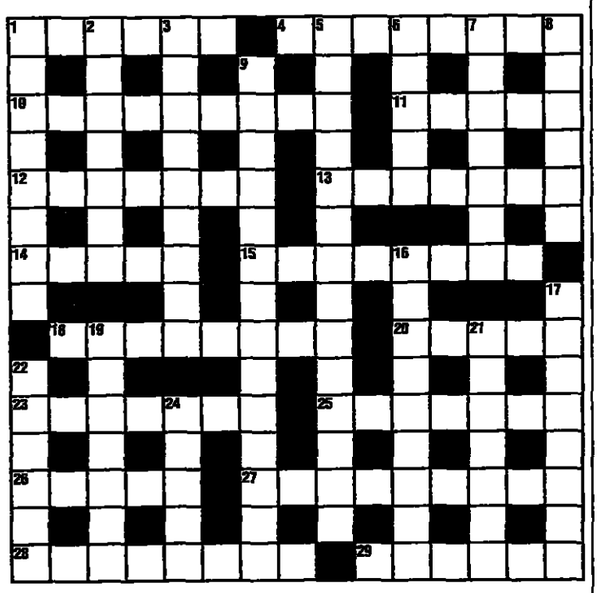
Sir John Pope-Hennessy, art historian; **Ansell Egerton**, former City Editor of *The Times*; **Hilary Stevenson**, scientist ..... Page 21

Aspects of the inquiry into "sleaze" ..... Page 19

You can only go so far with the protective impulse without finally distorting the presidency itself, turning it into a kind of hidden-away institution and making the White House a kind of fortress
— The Washington Post

The youngest voters vote less often than their parents. And their turnout is dropping instead of increasing. Preaching to young voters won't get them to the polls. But *getting them to register just might.* The perfect place to start is the classroom
— USA Today

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,689



ACROSS

1 Find one's attention taken by old saw (6).
4 Brings up delicacies after due preparation (8).
10 Priest executed prophet, a monster (9).
11 Girl forever in a book — let that be a warning (5).
12 Backer lost money in something that made a bomb — a touching line (7).
13 Slip resulting in a slip? (7).
14 Almost nimble with old printing method (5).
15 Cutting a fringe (8).
18 Circular building where there are places for all in the gods (8).
20 College head almost finds the right page (5).
23 It's drunk quite a lot initially (7).
25 Craving liquor for half a decade (7).
26 *Hang curtain at last to cut* draught (5).
27 Subtle but false, the claims made by Jonson (9).
28 Covered up? Strip off and admit passion (8).
29 The emphatic hand of the Rev. Obadiah Slope? (6).

DOWN

1 Slight attraction to Beast finally evident in Beauty (8).
2 Poor chap needs somewhere to relax with a good book (4-3).
3 Drops we see in spring garden? (6,3).
5 Blow me down! (9,5).
6 Triumphantly carry off academic position (5).
7 Asian can be brought in by Army (7).
8 Take apples, say — the poor ones left (6).
9 Anything broken? Send for the Bill, I'd say (5,3,6).
16 Illusion of marks on Mars — Schiaparelli's first in the trap (5,4).
17 For beauty, Greek island overcomes resident foreigner (8).
19 Get current set of papers (7).
21 It's stimulating to face my superior (7).
22 Lack of progress with no change under way (6).
24 Some attack bowling, others block (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,688

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Southend-on-Sea, Essex, 18C (68F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Middle Wallop, Hampshire, 1.65in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, 8.4hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Scotland will be mostly dry with clear periods and sunny intervals. It will be cloudy with patchy rain in the west.

Northern Ireland will have clear periods, becoming cloudy with patchy rain later in day.

In England and Wales, after clear periods overnight with frost and patchy fog in places, cloud and rain will spread to southern and western areas during the day.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands:** sunny periods in morning, then cloudy with patchy rain. Wind light, southerly, freshening in afternoon. Max 13c (55f).

☐ **E England, NW England, Lake District, Central N England, NE England:** after patchy fog sunny periods developing, perhaps hazy later. Winds freshening from south. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** cloudy in morning with patchy rain spreading from west. Winds becoming fresh, southerly, by morning. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloud and patchy light rain spreading from west overnight. Outbreaks of rain during day. Winds strong, southerly, for a time. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** mist and patchy fog clearing in morning, bright or sunny periods. Dry. Winds becoming fresh, southerly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny periods. Winds becoming fresh or strong, southerly. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain spreading to all parts, becoming dry and settled later.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

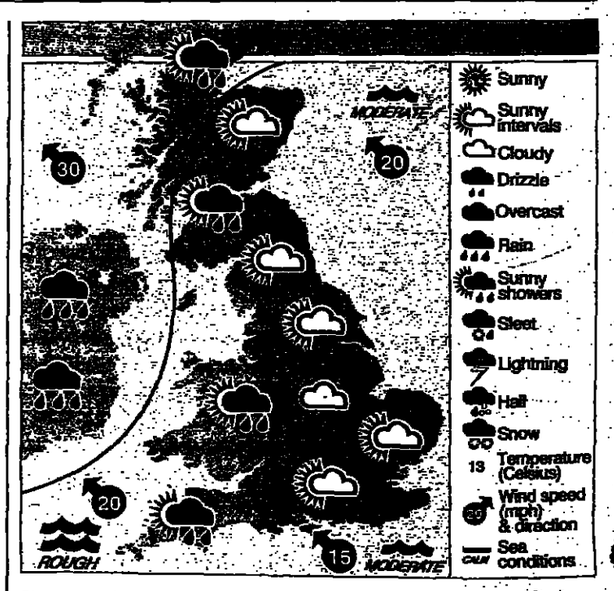
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Aberdeen	1.9	0.05	11	52	sh	Liverpool	1.9	0.11	13	55	sh
Anglesey	2.8	0.07	13	55	sh	London	1.2	0.02	14	57	r
Aspatria	2.7	0.04	13	55	sh	Lowestoft	2.2	0.59	14	57	r
Aviemore	0.7	0.20	9	48	sh	Manchester	2.3	0.22	14	57	sh
Belfast	3.6	0.05	12	54	sh	Margate	X	0.26	14	57	r
Birmingham	2.1	0.14	13	55	sh	Minehead	4.2	0.70	15	59	sh
Bognor R	1.3	0.74	14	57	r	Morecambe	0.7	0.35	13	55	sh
Bournem'th	1.2	1.20	14	57	sh	Newcastle	6.9	0.14	14	57	s
Bristol	3.5	0.60	14	57	t	Newquay	3.6	0.12	14	57	c
Buxton	3.7	0.60	11	52	r	Norwich	1.2	0.43	14	57	r
Cardiff	3.1	0.32	14	57	sh	Nottingham	3.7	0.12	14	57	sh
Clacton	1.7	0.47	13	55	r	Oxford	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	5.7	0.37	15	59	sh
Colwyn Bay	3.7	0.12	15	59	sh	Plymouth	4.2	1.01	14	57	sh
Cromer	2.7	0.40	14	57	b	Poole	1.9	0.97	15	59	r
Doncaster	4.4	0.23	15	59	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.18	13	55	r
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	3.1	0.30	14	57	r
Eastbourne	.	0.72	14	57	sh	Salcombe	1.1	0.08	15	59	c
Edinburgh	X	0.10	13	55	sh	Sandown	1.4	0.68	14	57	r
Eskdalemuir	X	0.55	9	48	sh	Saunton Snd	4.5	0.31	14	57	sh
Exmouth	4.2	0.98	15	59	s	Scarboro'	4.1	0.20	13	55	sh
Falmouth	X	0.75	15	59	b	Scilly Isles	6.5	0.24	13	55	r
Fishguard	2.6	0.35	13	55	sh	Shanklin	6.5	0.63	14	57	r
Folkestone	0.3	0.56	14	57	r	Shrewsbury	2.8	0.06	14	57	sh
Glasgow	2.4	0.36	12	54	sh	Skegness	4.0	0.24	15	59	s
Guernsey	.	0.93	15	59	g	Southend	0.3	0.33	15	59	sh
Hastings	0.1	0.54	14	57	r	Southport	1.2	0.12	13	55	sh
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	2.0	1.00	15	59	r
Hove	0.7	0.35	15	59	r	Stornoway	2.3	0.05	11	52	sh
Hunstanton	1.6	0.51	12	54	c	Swanage	1.3	1.10	14	57	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	4.5	1.22	15	59	sh
Isle of Man	5.7	0.04	13	55	b	Tenby	3.5	0.04	14	57	c
Jersey	0.3	0.80	14	57	r	Tiree	1.7	0.68	11	52	sh
Kinloss	1.1	0.09	11	52	r	Torquay	3.2	1.21	15	59	s
Leeds	3.7	0.22	13	55	sh	Tynemouth	6.4	0.17	14	57	s
Lerwick	3.1	0.51	11	52	sh	Ventnor	1.2	0.72	14	57	r
Leuchars	2.6	0.08	13	55	sh	Weymouth	2.6	0.87	15	59	sh
Lldiehmptn	1.6	0.77	15	59	r						

These are Monday's figures

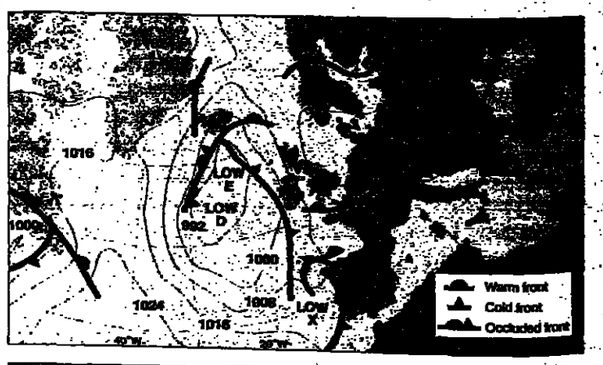
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Ajaccio	20	68	s	C'phagn	11	52	c	Majorca	21	70	f
Alcrotiri	28	82	f	Corfu	23	73	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Alex'dria	27	81	c	Dublin	10	50	s	Malta	24	75	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Melb'rne	14	57	r
Amst'dm	12	54	f	Faro	22	72	s	Mexico C	20	68	f
Athens	24	75	s	Florence	15	59	f	Miami	28	79	f
Bahrain	31	88	s	Frankfurt	14	57	f	Milan	14	57	c
Bangkok	30	86	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	12	54	c
Barbados	26	79	c	Geneva	15	59	f	Moscow	6	43	c
Barcelona	18	64	s	Gibraltar	22	72	s	Munich	10	50	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Helsinki	4	39	r	Nairobi	23	73	f
Belgrade	20	68	s	Hong K	25	77	s	Naples	20	68	f
Berlin	14	57	c	Innsbruck	17	63	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Bermuda	26	79	f	Istanbul	18	64	s	N York	21	70	f
Biarritz	17	63	c	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	19	66	f
Borde'x	15	59	c	Jo'burg	17	63	f	Oslo	5	41	f
Brussels	13	55	s	Karachi	38	100	f	Paris	14	57	s
Budapst	15	59	s	L Palmas	24	75	f	Peking	14	57	f
B Aires	15	59	f	Le Touet	14	57	f	Perth	23	73	c
Cairo	30	86	s	Lisbon	19	66	f	Prague	15	59	f
Cape Tn	27	81	s	L Angele	26	79	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	s
Chicago	8	46	r	Luxembg	10	50	c	Rhodes	24	75	s
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								Salzburg	11	52	c
								S F'isco	16	61	s
								Santiago	23	73	f
								S Paulo	28	82	c
								Seoul	17	63	s
								Sing'por	24	75	t
								St'kholm	9	48	c
								Strasb'rg	15	59	f
								Sydney	27	81	s
								Tangier	22	72	c
								Tel Aviv	31	88	s
								Tenerife	22	72	s
								Tokyo	16	61	s
								Toronto	12	54	c
								Tunis	24	75	s
								Valencia	20	68	f
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								Wel'ngton	15	59	f
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Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



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Belfast	9.26	3.3	9.42	3.6	Milford Haven	4.41	6.9	5.01	7.2
Cardiff	5.23	12.08	5.46	12.52	Newquay	3.32	6.9	3.53	7.2
Devonport	4.18	5.3	4.35	5.5	Oban	4.23	3.9	4.37	4.2
Dover	9.26	5.6	9.51	6.8	Penzance	3.20	5.4	3.36	5.6
Falmouth	3.48	5.1	4.05	5.9	Portland	5.19	2.1	5.37	2.2
Glasgow	11.43	4.7	11.48	4.9	Portsmouth	9.52	4.8	10.10	4.8
Harwich	10.07	4.0	10.40	4.1	Shoreham	9.44	6.4	10.07	6.4
Hollyhead	8.52	5.7	9.08	5.9	Southampton	9.17	4.7	9.35	4.8
Hull	4.35	7.26	5.10	7.41	Swansea	4.42	9.4	5.02	9.6
Ilfracombe	4.24	9.12	4.45	9.49	Tees	1.54	5.4	2.25	5.5
King's Lynn	4.27	6.7	5.15	6.7	Wilton-on-Hse	10.08	4.3	10.40	4.3
Leith	12.46	5.6	1.17	5.7					

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Sun rises: 6.55 am
Sun sets: 4.32 pm
Moon sets: 3.49 pm
Moon rises: 5.21 am
Full Moon Tomorrow

London 4.32 pm to 6.57 am
Bristol 4.42 pm to 7.07 am
Edinburgh 4.31 pm to 7.28 am
Manchester 4.36 pm to 7.11 am
Penzance 4.58 pm to 7.15 am

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CBI urges Chancellor to rule out tax cuts

Premature rate rise could cause 'permanent harm'

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government should reject tax cuts in the run-up to the next election, the leader of the Confederation of British Industry said. In advance of today's monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and the Bank of England, the CBI also argues that interest rates should not be raised too quickly, for fear of "permanently" damaging Britain's economic outlook. Company directors also say there is no economic evidence to justify a further rate rise.

In an interview with *The Times*, Howard Davies, the CBI's director-general, urged Mr Clarke not to run the economic risk of tax cuts. Though Mr Davies broadly supports the Government's strategy, his suggestion is likely to irritate some on the Conservative right, who believe tax cuts are vital to the Government's re-election chances.

The CBI leader, who also believes that business will look more favourably on the Labour Party now that it is led by Tony Blair, said the Government's policy mix on the economy was about right. But he forecast that the next six months to a year would be difficult for the Government as it came under pressure to cut taxes.

He said: "There is a risk that the Government will seek to cut tax sharply ahead of the election." He urged ministers to resist that temptation, and to maintain the current relatively tight fiscal stance. Business, he said, did not want any major switch in policy. But Mr Davies accepted that that would not deliver "short-term popularity" for the Government in electoral terms.

A policy document prepared for the CBI's annual conference, which starts in Birmingham at the weekend, says, though, that further tax rises are "out of the question" — partly for political reasons, but also because of their likely impact on pay and competitiveness.

The CBI paper says the Government and the Bank face a dilemma over interest rates. While business would not wish to see a repeat of the late 1980s, when failure to raise rates served to make the subsequent recession worse, the paper says there are dangers in raising rates too quickly and too high. This would slow short-term demand and output growth unnecessarily, and could "damage the economic outlook permanently by discouraging business expenditure on fixed investment and on training".

The Institute of Directors also argues against any rate rise in its latest bi-monthly business opinion survey. This shows that lack of demand is still a major concern for company directors, and that confidence in the economy has fallen slightly. Forty-three per cent of directors are more optimistic than they were when last surveyed, in August; then, 46 per cent were more optimistic than at the time of the previous bi-monthly survey.

Tim Melville-Ross, the IoD's director-general, said business was "riding out" September's rate rise. But there was no indication of overheating in the economy, and therefore no case for any further rate increase.

He said: "We fully support the Chancellor's determination to control inflation and should evidence emerge that inflationary pressures were building up, then interest rates would have to rise — but that evidence does not exist at present."

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HMC chiefs share £8m in sale to Abbey

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

EIGHT directors and managers of the Household Mortgage Corporation will receive bonuses of £8 million over the next three years after the £56.3 million sale of their company to Abbey National.

Abbey yesterday emerged as winner in the battle for HMC, one of the UK's biggest centralised mortgage lenders, with an agreed takeover offer. Other bidders are believed to have included building societies including the Halifax, Britannia, Yorkshire and Birmingham Midshires, as well as Allied Irish Banks.

Three directors — Maxwell Packe, managing director; Robert Weir, treasury director; and Brian Whitfield, marketing director — and five managers will receive the payments under an incentive scheme set up by the firm's institutional shareholders.

HMC is owned by 13 institutions, including Sun Life; 3i, the venture capital group; and American Insurance Group, which has a 20 per cent stake.

They set up the scheme in June to encourage the management to achieve a successful sale.

The three directors will be paid over three years and the five managers over two years. The payments are subject to an agreement by them not to leave and set up in competition, or to work for any competitor for three and two years respectively.

HMC, one of Britain's biggest centralised mortgage lenders, put itself up for sale in July, after the abrupt departure of Duncan Young, its chief executive, and appointed Baring Brothers to manage the sale.

Since its formation in 1986, it has grown quickly through acquisition, having bought the mortgage books of Allied Dunbar, Chase Manhattan, Westpac — the Australian banking group — and Boston Safe Deposit & Trust. Its mortgage book is worth £1.6 billion and has 28,000 customers.

However, while the acquisitions increased the size of HMC's mortgage book, they were not enough to add significantly to its profitability. Like many centralised lenders, HMC has suffered heavy provisions and has struggled to increase market share as a result of the moribund housing market. In the year to March 31, it returned to the black with £700,000 profits, compared with a £1.9 million pre-tax loss the previous year. In the first four months of the current year, it made £4 million.

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Peter Birch, Abbey's chief executive, said there are no immediate plans to cut HMC's rates, although they will be looked at. HMC's standard variable mortgage rate is 8.15 per cent, compared with Abbey's 8.09 per cent.

It is the second time that Abbey has bought a centralised mortgage lender in order to help boost its share of the UK residential mortgage market. It acquired the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce's £900 million book for an undisclosed amount in February.

Mr Birch said the main advantage for Abbey in taking over HMC would be its ability to provide cheaper funding to HMC, at below the London Inter Bank Offered Rate, making HMC's mortgage rates more competitive than those of other centralised lenders.

HMC employs 300, with its headquarters in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Mr Birch said there will be no job cuts as a result of the takeover.

An HMC spokesman said that had the acquisition not happened, the company had intended to float in about two years time. "The fact that we now have a large backer means we do not have to go through all that, and it gives us low-cost funding to expand the business faster than we would have otherwise been able to."

Mr Packe said the acquisition "will enhance our ability to offer separately branded products with the support of a financially and commercially strong parent company".

The acquisition is dependent on the passing of a special resolution by the shareholders to waive their rights to bid for HMC. Abbey said 96 per cent of the shareholders had accepted the offer and the others had indicated they would do so.

ALAN WELLER



Maxwell Packe, HMC's managing director, left, and Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, outside HMC's headquarters in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, yesterday after Abbey's £56 million takeover

Two confirm bids for Navy yards

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE Government faces an uphill battle in its efforts to achieve a decent price for the Royal Navy's refit yards, after only two groups would confirm yesterday that they had made bids for either.

Babcock International, owner of Babcock Rosyth Defence, revealed it had bid for the Rosyth dockyard, on the Firth of Forth, which it runs under contract to the MoD.

Devonport Management Limited (DML), the consortium that runs the Devonport facility at Plymouth, said it had made an offer for the yard. But the General Electric Company, which is known to have considered an approach, declined to indicate whether it had bid.

The future of the facilities is intimately interwoven with the bid battle between GEC and British Aerospace for VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness warship builder.

VSEL has joined DML's backers — Brown and Root, BICC and Weir Group — in their bid to acquire the Devonport assets. The successful bidder may therefore also acquire an interest in the yard that has won the contract to refit Britain's Trident nuclear missile submarines. The boats were built by VSEL.

In the year ended March 31, DML recorded a profit before tax of £11.4 million on turnover of £273 million. The yard employs almost 4,000 workers.

Rosyth achieved a profit of £11.1 million on sales of £197 million, with 3,650 employees. Bidders for both yards are likely to seek contractual government pledges to provide billions of pounds of revenue through long-term refit contracts.

The MoD refused to say how many indicative bids were tabled by the Monday night deadline. Indicative bids are likely to be followed next April by formal invitations to tender. Completion of the sales has been earmarked for April 1996.

Vosper Thornycroft, the Southampton warship builder, said that it had not made an offer for either yard.

Arab peace dividend for UK

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

THE economic boycott of Israel by Arab nations, which has hampered British trade with the Middle East, was effectively declared dead by King Hassan of Morocco yesterday.

The king made his remarks on the final session of the three-day economic summit between Arab states and Israel in Casablanca. They followed a call on Monday from Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, for an early and complete end to the Arab League boycott on trade with Israel. British companies rejoiced at the news. Andrew Stone, joint managing director of Marks and Spencer, whose executive director, David Sieff, attended the conference in Casablanca, said "trade makes peace".

Cadbury Schweppes, which suffered from indirect boycott, saw signs of an end to the ban as "only for the good".

Saudi Arabia and five other Gulf States decided a month ago to drop their indirect boycott of companies dealing with Israel. However, they failed to lift the direct ban on trade with Israel.

King Hassan said that the conference in Casablanca, attended by businessmen and political leaders from the region, marked the effective end of the boycott.

He added: "Only the resolution of the Arab League council remains. It will disappear one day, but this conference has made it meaningless."

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Channel 5 coming soon but not for South

By Jon Ashworth

NEARLY three quarters of homes will be able to tune in to the Channel 5 television station, which is due to begin broadcasting no later than January 1997. But large tracts of southern England will initially be excluded and thousands of people will be required to fit new aerials if they want to receive the service.

The Independent Television Commission yesterday invited bids for the ten-year licence to run the channel. Up to 70 per cent of householders should be able to receive the service in time, subject to international clearance of frequencies. Front-runners for the licence include Channel 5 Broadcasting, a consortium backed by Pearson, owner of Thames TV; MAI, the media group run by Lord Hollick; and Time Warner. Bids are also expected from Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, a group led by NBC of America, Richard Branson's Virgin Group, White Rose, the consortium that lost out to Yorkshire TV in the last ITV franchise round, and CanWest Global Communications, a Canadian broadcaster. Applications must be submitted by May. The ITC put the Channel 5 licence out to tender in April 1992, but postponed its plans when it emerged that the allotted frequencies would have interfered with video recorders. Thousands would have had to have been retuned at a cost of up to £75 million.

Sir George Russell, the ITC chairman, said: "There are more parties openly expressing interest in bidding for Channel 5 now than when we first advertised it in April 1992. Channel 5 is an opportunity to deliver new ideas and new programmes to millions of UK homes, extending choice."

The Government reduced the number of available frequencies for Channel 5 because of its desire to develop digital television technology. Gary Tonge, the ITC's controller of engineering, said the estimated percentage of the UK population who could receive Channel 5 had been increased from about 54 to 70 per cent, subject to international approval of frequencies. About 16 per cent of households would require a new aerial.

Clare Mulholland, the ITC's director of programmes, said the applicants must include programmes of "high quality". Beyond that, and an acceptable business plan, the licence will be awarded to the highest bidder.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3096.3	(−1.1)
Yield	4.11%	
FT-SE A All share	1536.51	(+0.20)
Nikkei	19916.48	(−73.12)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3876.83	(−31.29)*
S&P Composite	468.60	(−3.75)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¾%*	(4¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	93²⁹⁄₃₂*	(94⅛)
Yield	8.05%*	(7.97%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅛%	(6%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	101²⁄₃₂	(100¹⁵⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5630*	(1.5354)
London:		
$	1.5315	(1.5355)
DM	2.4422	(2.4601)
FFr	8.3525	(8.4205)
SFr	2.0369	(2.0530)
Yen	153.01	(158.42)
£ Index	80.9	(81.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4958*	(1.5033)
FFr	5.1230*	(5.1465)
SFr	1.2476*	(1.2565)
Yen	96.75*	(96.90)
$ Index	80.8	(81.0)

Tokyo close Yen 96.82

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$16.90	($16.70)

GOLD

London close	$383.90	($384.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Retailer repays

French Connection, the fashion retailer, is raising £4.5 million in a share placing to repay loans that Stephen Marks, its founder and chief executive, pumped into the group to rescue it during the recession that swept Britain's high streets. Page 31

Brussels aid

Bureaucrats in Belgium have decided that Merseyside, a once rich and proud region fattened with the profits of North Atlantic trade, is a pauper and a deserving recipient of massive amounts of aid from the European Community. Page 29

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New chief named at the Pru

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SIR Martin Jacomb, chairman of Postel Investment Management, is to take over as non-executive chairman at Prudential Corporation, the UK's biggest insurer, at May's annual meeting when Sir Brian Corby retires.

Sir Martin, 64, joined Prudential's board in March. He is a director of the Bank of England, a post that expires next February, and is to retire from the PosTel board at the end of the year.

An Oxford graduate, he was a barrister before joining Kleinwort Benson in 1968. In 1985 he became deputy chairman of Barclays Bank and then chairman of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, its stockbroking arm. He stepped down as deputy chairman of Barclays Bank and Commercial Union at the end of last year.

Sir Brian Corby, 65, joined Prudential in 1952 and was chief executive between 1982 and 1990. He was chairman of the Association of British Insurers from 1985 to 1987 and president of the Confederation of British for two years. Prudential shares fell 2p to 316p.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.14
Austria Sch	18.36	16.86
Belgium Fr	53.69	49.29
Canada $	2.321	2.167
Cyprus Cyp£	0.785	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.22	9.42
Finland Mkk	8.13	7.43
France Fr	8.90	8.20
Germany Dm	2.61	2.40
Greece Dr	394.00	369.00
Hong Kong $	13.29	12.29
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2605.00	2450.00
Japan Yen	173.50	156.50
Malta	0.627	0.572
Netherlds Gld	2.903	2.673
Norway Kr	11.26	10.46
Portugal Esc	282.00	243.50
S Africa Rd	nil	6.45
Spain Pta	212.00	198.00
Sweden Kr	12.32	11.52
Switzerland Fr	2.20	2.02
Turkey Lira	refer	56068.0
USA $	1.735	1.605

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Optimism begins to grow in fragile construction industry

Confidence built on steady pace of recovery

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A STEADY recovery in workload and inquiries is building confidence in Britain's recession-battered construction industry, according to the latest state of the trade survey.

Nearly a third of the 200 quantity surveying firms responding to a quarterly inquiry from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rics) anticipate an increase in output over the next three months. For the coming 12 months, two out of three predict a rise.

Their improving confidence is based on a 1.5 per cent rise in workload during the three months from July to September, compared with the previous three months. During the same quarter last year, output fell 5.5 per cent.

The recovery of optimism among quantity surveyors is confirmed by forecasts of rising recruitment. One firm in five plans to recruit staff during the next three months, and two in five expect to do so over the coming year.

According to the institute, the upturn is based on a strong recovery in demand for shops and offices. Inquiries in the commercial sector rose 8 per cent in the latest quarter, the survey shows. But activity in the industrial sector, and among builders of private housing, remains flat.

Christopher Vickers, the institute's spokesman on construction, said the industry "looks set to see a continued increase in activity over the next nine months". But he cautioned that any severe cuts in public sector spending unveiled by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in his Budget this month could "undermine this recovery". Although the overall picture across Britain is improving, the institute's survey shows strong regional variations in the construction industry's outlook. In the North, the Midlands, East Anglia and the South East, the industry's workload has risen considerably in recent months.

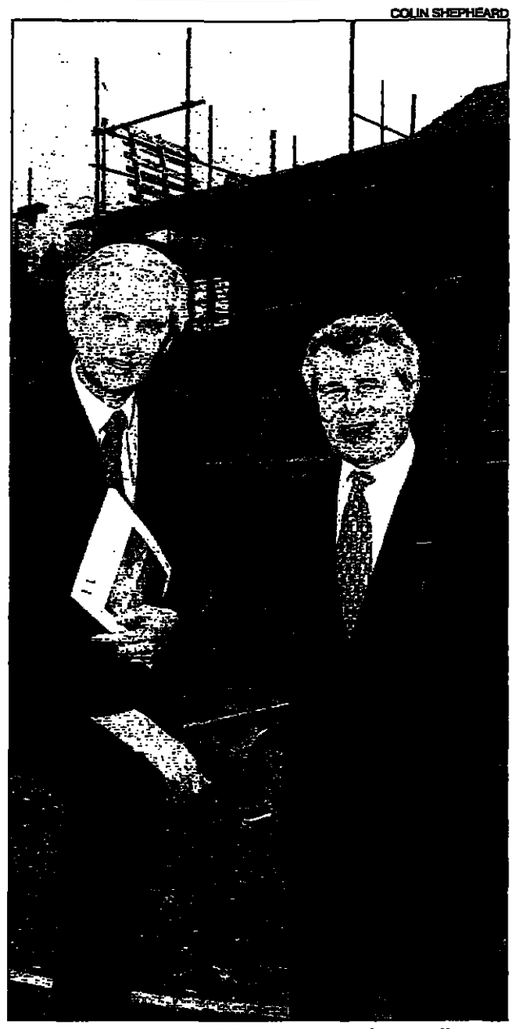
The biggest surge was in East Anglia, where surveyors recorded a 6.5 per cent increase in the workload. Firms in the North recorded a 5 per cent rise, while the South East, including London, showed a 4 per cent improvement.

Richard Houghton, the institute's representative in the South East, said that speculative developers were returning to the capital, but said activity appeared to be driven more by the availability of money than by tennant demand.

In Scotland, Wales and the South West, activity has weakened despite strong rises earlier in the year. In Northern Ireland, demand is little changed despite the ceasefire declared by paramilitary groups and apparent progress towards a period of economic reconstruction.

Mr Vickers said that despite the improvement in trading conditions, profit margins remain very tight, and any attempt to increase profits could knock the recovery off course. Evidence of increasing skill shortages was also mounting, he said. More than two thirds of the firms surveyed said scarcity of skilled workers was becoming a problem in some areas, an increase of a quarter on the figure recorded just three months ago.

COLIN SHEPHEARD



Richard Fraser, right, with John Bennett, finance director

Westbury profits up 55% at half way

WESTBURY, the house-builder, said increases in house prices would be limited in the short term because of potential purchasers' uncertainty over interest rates and employment prospects (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Geoffrey Maddrell, the chairman, said: "This is despite the fact that the economic indicators which should influence homebuyers are more favourable than at any time in the recent past."

Yesterday, Westbury, whose chief executive is Richard Fraser, announced a 55 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5.8 million in the six months to August 31 after a £10 million rise in turnover to £80 million, buoyed by higher private house sales of 1,185, up 22 per cent. The average selling price of private houses rose 4 per cent to £63,185, reflecting increased sales of detached houses rather than any general increase in selling prices.

Mr Maddrell said land prices were still moving ahead in spite of the lack of house price inflation. During the six months, Westbury acquired 1,164 plots at an average cost of £14,000, maintaining its stock of plots with planning consent at about 6,400, equivalent to about three years supply.

The dividend, to be paid on January 5, was lifted from 1.75p to 1.9p a share, paid out of earnings of 5.8p a share, up from 3.7p last time.

Call to end rate rise speculation

BY ROBERT MILLER

BRITAIN'S top two building societies called on the Government to end speculation over further interest rate rises after the Nationwide announced yesterday that house prices in the past 12 months had risen by only 0.7 per cent.

The Halifax house price index is expected to reveal a broadly similar picture of the housing market when it is published tomorrow. Gary Marsh, a spokesman for the Halifax, Britain's largest mortgage lender, said: "We don't see any need for further rises in interest rates, and the continued speculation about the need for an increase is damaging the housing market."

The Nationwide said: "Confidence in the housing market is fragile and a period of stability would be welcome." The small monthly increase recorded by the Nationwide house price index, also 0.7 per cent, follows September's 2.9 per cent fall in house prices.

At the start of the year, the Halifax and the Nationwide predicted that house prices would rise by up to 5 per cent during 1994. Both have since downgraded their forecasts to "broadly flat".

BUSINESS ROUND

US purchasing index at seven-year high

FEARS of overheating in the US economy grew yesterday after its purchasing managers' index soared to its highest for almost seven years. Wall Street fell as analysts forecast US interest rates would have to rise. The Federal Open Market Committee meets next on November 15 and a 50 basis-point rate rise is expected to be sanctioned then.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 32 points at midday and the dollar rose to DM1.4955 and Y96.75 in response to the National Association of Purchasing Management's announcement. In October its index rose to 59.7 per cent, the highest since the 61.0 per cent in December 1987. In September it was 58.2. Three components of the NAPM index showed manufacturers had to put up with longer delivery times from suppliers, a shorter supply of raw materials and higher prices. The percentage of firms saying they were paying more for raw materials rose to 70 per cent from 67 per cent in September, the highest since April 1988.

De Beers shares suffer

DE BEERS, the South African mining group that dominates the world market for diamonds, suffered a sharp share price fall in Johannesburg yesterday as market fears surfaced about a court case in Columbus, Ohio, where General Electric, the US conglomerate, is alleged to have rigged the world market in industrial diamonds in 1991 and 1992, in league with a De Beers subsidiary. De Beers has indicated that it sees no serious threat from the trial, as it has long had to cope with allegations of price-fixing.

Escort production cut

FORD is to halt production of its Escort model at Halewood on Merseyside for 12 days this month because output is running ahead of demand. The cutback, which will reduce output by 9,200 vehicles, comes in spite of apparently strong sales of Ford cars in the United Kingdom during the summer. A company spokesman blamed potential overcapacity for the decision. Jimmy Airlie, chief Ford negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "This shows that the recovery is still fragile."

Attwoods boosts defence

ATTWOODS, the UK waste management company, has seized upon a $225 million acquisition of United States Pollution Control Inc by Laidlaw, to bolster its own defence against a £364 million hostile bid by Browning Ferris International. BFI acquired Laidlaw's near-30 per cent stake in Attwoods at 109p a share. Ken Foreman, Attwoods's chief executive, said: "How can you possibly base a meaningful valuation on a knock-down price obtained by a seller in need of ready cash for an acquisition."

Astra in Merck venture

ASTRA, the research-based Swedish pharmaceutical company best known for Losec, its anti-ulcer drug, has agreed to pay $820 million for a 50 per cent stake of a subsidiary of Merck, the leading American pharmaceutical group. The Merck subsidiary has sold Losec in America under licence since 1982 and Merck's sales of the medication last year totalled more than $500 million.

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4 Signature

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Date November 1994

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2 November 1994

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☐ Thames sets out its stall ☐ The rational approach to Britain's shipyards ☐ Trade relations thaw in Casablanca

Opening the dividend taps

☐ TWO questions will already be concerning investors in water companies. What dividend rises they can expect management to achieve under Ian Byatt's tighter new price regime and, more hypothetically, what they might expect from an incoming Labour government? The two are evidently connected. The regulator did not see why price limits should make room for the average water utility to pay dividend rises above inflation. If most manage the 4 to 6 per cent real divided rises widely predicted in the City, they have some explaining to do if the public is not to think Mr Byatt had the wool pulled over his eyes.

If there is to be competition among the big ten, Thames has made a high opening bid. That does not mean others will be tempted into politically eye-catching double figure rises. Thames made clear that it regards 1994-95 as the end of the old regime and not the start of the new. It had some catching up to do after the 7 per cent rise in its previous year, which was stricken by write-offs. It is also conscious that its share price is near the bottom of the league. Thames wants to send a signal that, as a less favoured inland operator, it does not intend to be at the bottom of the City's predicted dividend range under the new regime.

Unless the regulator got it wildly wrong, there are limited ways to beat the system. Management can redouble efforts to cut capital costs. Boards can run down dividend cover faster than the regulator assumed or raise new equity to finance operations. As envisaged five years ago, they could also use profit and cash flow from non-regulated businesses.

For Thames, like many others, the diversification route looks deeply unconvincing so far. For a further two years, it is likely to remain a dead weight. The company is working on better solutions to capital spending needs. One of its rivals reckons it can save so much that it can forgo permitted real price rises, which would really make Mr Byatt look silly. But much of the real impetus to dividends will come from taking a much more relaxed view about dividend cover and borrowing ratios.

This is not necessarily a blind. One of the industry's best-kept secrets is that most private shareholders take their dividends in extra shares rather than cash. This is saving Thames about £20 million a year. In effect, it is regularaly raising new equity without expecting to need a rights issue. In this sector at least, high dividends are not, in reality, draining so much cash from companies. If that argument applied elsewhere, and institutions could be persuaded to take scrip dividends too, the general soul-searching over dividends might be defused.

In the water industry, the dividend calculus will remain politically fraught. That perhaps explains why, after announcing an 11 per cent rise, Thames finds that its shares still yield a prospective 5.9 per cent.

Dockyard double act

☐ THE apparent shortage of bidders for the Devonport and Rosyth royal dockyards will come as little surprise to those in Britain's defence industry.

Thanks to the contraction of the Royal Navy, and an admirable improvement in the efficiency of these establishments under their private sector managers, either Rosyth or Devonport is entirely capable of servicing the remaining fleet.



During the hard-fought battle for the contract to service Britain's Trident submarines, patching up warships became an acutely political issue.

Instead of arriving at the most cost-effective answer for the taxpayer — a gradual transfer of work to a single yard, and seedcorn investment to redevelop the other — the Cabinet ran scared. Bravely, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, gave the Trident contract to Plymouth then promised the bulk of the remaining surface ship refit work to Rosyth, until 2005.

The result of that sorry compromise is that both Rosyth and Devonport are struggling to maintain facilities with high fixed costs. They continue to shed employees, while bidding desperately for the tiny fraction of refits open for competitive tender. Diversification efforts, into railway coaches and yachts, have shown imagination but limited rewards.

Against such a background, bidding to buy a refit yard requires not only an intimate knowledge of the opportunities for cost cutting but an acute reading of the political weather vane. The incumbent managers inevitably have an inside track. Their bids will surprise no one. But even they have been taken aback by the apparent ambivalence of the Defence Ministry to the rival offers for warship builder VSEL by British Aerospace and GEC.

Britain's warship construction industry has been dogged by overcapacity for too long. Whoever wins the VSEL bid will still face tough competition to supply frigates, minehunters and the like from Vosper Thornycroft at Southampton.

If rationalisation makes sense in warship construction, will the private sector be given a free hand to remove overcapacity in the refit yards too?

Narrowing the gulf

☐ CASABLANCA brings to mind the Bogart movie classic of wartime intrigue and romance. But to judge from comments and commitments from the economic summit in the Moroccan port yesterday, the location may in future be remembered as the venue of an Arab-Israeli love-in that caused the barriers against economic ties with Israel to come tumbling down.

The conference, which brought together political and business leaders from the Arab world and Israel, ended with a final pledge to explore ways to overcome obstacles to trade and investment, "including boycotts". King Hassan of Morocco declared the Arab League boycott, in place since 1951, effectively dead. Now, it is up to the Arab League ministerial meeting in March to bury the matter. That they will do so is by no means assured. After US pressure, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states agreed in September to end their secondary and tertiary sanctions, which was good news for companies that wish to trade with Israel and the Arab world. But the primary boycott remained, preventing companies conducting trade across Israeli borders in the region. But the boycott has been crumbling for some time. UK exports to Israel are set to reach £1.1 billion this year, making it Britain's second biggest market in the Middle East after Saudi Arabia. Lingering fears about sanctions appear unwarranted. As Arab nations feel the pinch from lower oil revenues, Israel's relative attraction as a trading partner is in the ascendent.

World according to THARP

☐ WE already have RPI, RPIX and RPIY inflation measures. But in the Bank of England's latest, increasingly comprehensive Inflation Report, it offers us the new delights of THARP, a refinement of HARP. HARP adjusts underlying inflation for housing costs. THARP goes one further and adjusts for indirect taxes too. What next? Perhaps an inflation index which takes out . . . inflation.

Thames Water splashes out with 11% payout rise

By Graham Seargeant
Financial Editor

ALAN WELLER



Mike Hoffman, left, and Sir Robert Clarke at a new Thames water tower in west London

THAMES Water has started the water companies' reporting season with an unexpected 11 per cent rise in its interim dividend for the year to March 31. Sir Robert Clarke, the chairman, said the dividend rise should not be seen as an indication of what would happen under the tighter pricing regime set in July by Ian Byatt, the director-general of water services.

He said: "We see this as the last year of the old regime and we were expecting a good year. In the next five years, life will be tougher. We hope to continue real dividend growth but to expect 8½ per cent real dividend growth is, perhaps, not sensible."

The price review reduced Thames's permitted price rises for the five years starting in 1995-96 to 0.5 per cent above inflation.

The rise in dividend to 8.2p, payable on February 3, was in line with the results of the group's core utility business for the six months to September 30. Pre-tax profits at the utility rose 11 per cent, to £157 million, on turnover up 5 per cent, to £455 million. The profit rise was largely due to a standstill in operating costs.

For the group as a whole, pre-tax profits were only £151 million, because a further £7.2 million loss on the international water engineering business dragged non-core activities into a £5 million loss. But group profits were still 35 per cent ahead of last year's, which suffered £25 million of exceptional costs. Underlying earnings per share rose 11 per cent, to 36.8p.

Mike Hoffman, Thames's chief executive, said the process engineering and contracting business was unlikely to break even for two years. Contracts in Turkey, Mexico and Malaysia have been delayed but it is expected that they will be signed soon. Sir Robert said large sums needed to be spent on the world's water systems and only British and French companies had the expertise to compete globally. Thames has appointed Tony Eckford, formerly of Amec, to run the business.

At home, capital spending in the utility fell from £182 million to £145 million, owing to a lull between completion of the London Ring Main and the build-up of work on sludge incineration plants. Sir Robert said the ring main, which the Queen will open next week, had been one of the three leading projects of the time but, unlike the Channel Tunnel and Sizewell B nuclear power station, had been finished on schedule and to budget.

The spending lull helped to cut Thames's net debt by £34 million during the half year, to £637 million, a third of shareholders' funds. Over the next five years, capital spending is scheduled to be £1.75 billion, against £1.9 billion in the first five years since privatisation.

The group has appointed two new non-executive directors: Roger Carr, the chief executive of Williams Holdings, and Tony Hobson, Legal & General's finance director.

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Allied Domecq borrows more

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

ALLIED Domecq, the international drinks group, is to raise its borrowings substantially to increase its 73 per cent stake in Spain's Domecq group to nearly 100 per cent by the year end.

A statement yesterday said the Spanish minority shareholders in Spain-Alecq, which owns Domecq, had said they wanted to exercise an option, originally priced at £280.4 million in sterling terms, to sell their 27 per cent Alecq holding to Allied Domecq.

Currency fluctuations, since the option price, which comprises a dollar element, was set in March, meant that a downward adjustment of the sterling price will probably be needed, Allied Domecq said.

Allied Domecq, formed when Allied-Lyons gained control of Domecq for £739 million in March, said Ramon Mora-Figueroa and his family, had decided to sell their 27 per cent in Alecq early for personal reasons. The option could have run for six years.

Señor Mora-Figueroa, who joined the Allied-Domecq board in September, was in London yesterday for a board meeting. He will retain executive control of Domecq operations.

An Allied-Domecq spokesman said the purchase of the remaining Mora-Figueroa family would be financed through borrowings, which would raise group gearing on the balance sheet standing of March from 70 to 80 per cent.

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BP defies trend with 23% advance

By Carl Mortishead

BRITISH Petroleum raised its third-quarter profits by 23 per cent to £415 million from £339 million last year in the face of a weaker oil price and falling worldwide refining margins.

David Simon, BP's chief executive, attributed the strong performance to further cost reductions, a resurgence of demand in both oil and chemical volumes, and lower debt levels.

He said: "It's our best quarter since 1991 in the middle of the Gulf War when oil prices were $20 per barrel."

BP said yesterday that reserves in lower-risk areas in the North Sea and the Gulf of Mexico would enable it to produce a million barrels per day, leaving two-thirds of its oil production secure to the end of the century.

The company said that a reassessment of its portfolio had shown a less steep drop in production from Alaska and the North Sea.

BP's total debt at the end of September was $10.8 billion with cash from disposals, including the recent sale of BP Nutrition, expected to total $1.25 billion.

Mr Simon said that, in future, cash flow would receive much less benefit from disposals, but the gap would be made up in cost reductions and margin improvement.

Higher oil and gas production helped BP to achieve upstream profits of £499 million, similar to a year ago in spite of a slight fall in the oil price.



Simon: cost reductions

BP is maintaining the third-quarter dividend at 2.5p, but Mr Simon would give no indication of when a further increase could be expected.

Strong volumes helped to boost chemical profits from £45 million in the second quarter to £63 million in the three months to September.

Weak refining margins, particularly in South-East Asia, held back refining and marketing profits, which were £86 million ahead of the second quarter at £219 million, but below the comparable period last year.

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Clydeport heads for flotation

By Ross Tieman

CLYDEPORT Holdings, a former trust port acquired by management and employees two-and-a-half years ago for £26 million, is heading for a stock market flotation that will value the business at more than twice as much.

Up to £25 million is expected to be raised by a placing of new and existing shares before the end of the year. The sale will raise about £5 million of new capital, while allowing employees and a leading venture capitalist to recoup part of their investment.

John Mather, executive chairman, said that a stock market listing would position Clydeport to expand by acquisition if the port industry entered a period of consolidation, as was widely expected.

Clydeport, one of four trust ports that converted to limited companies before the last election, owns and operates terminuses at Glasgow, Greenock, Hunterston and Ardrossan. Together, they handle about 4.5 million tonnes of goods a year, ranging from containerised whisky exports to coal imports for power stations. Last year Clydeport made a pre-tax profit of £2.45 million.

The broker for the issue will be Allied Provincial, while the adviser will be Barry McKellar, of Edinburgh.

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New PPP chief closes intermediary arm

By Robert Miller

PPP, Britain's second-largest provider of private medical health insurance, is to close its intermediary arm after little more than two years in the business.

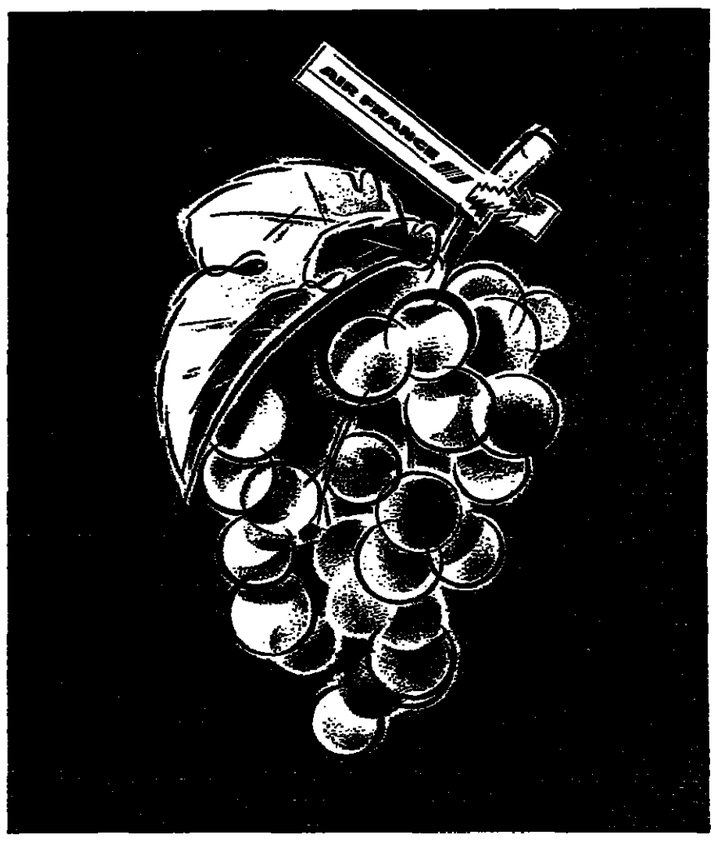
The decision was taken after a wide-ranging review of the company's business by Peter Owen, PPP's new chief executive, who took up his post on August 1. Previously, he had been group chief executive of Aer Lingus and operations director at British Airways, where he coined the slogan "Putting people first".

PPP staff were told of the changes at a meeting on Monday. Intermediaries had complained that the health insurer, which has an estimated 28 per cent share of the £2-billion-plus private medical insurance market, was operating a two-tier market, with different health products being sold at different prices. They added that the standard of PPP's administration, which had generally been rated among the best, had deteriorated dramatically.

In a recent survey on service standards among private medical insurers by *Insurance Age*, the magazine, PPP came bottom out of five, including Norwich Union, a comparative newcomer to the market.

PPP has been criticised for reluctance to join the Insurance Ombudsman's scheme. PPP said, however, that it belonged to the PIAS scheme run by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. However, unlike the widely recognised Ombudsman scheme, complainants need the consent of the insurer before they can complain.

Mr Owen said: "We are bringing together three different divisions and simplifying our products and prices. There will be no compulsory redundancies. This is not an admission of getting things wrong in the past."



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STOCK MARKET  PHILIP PANGALOS

Shares remain nervous as falls continue in US

A RELATIVELY upbeat *Quarterly Bulletin* from the Bank of England helped to lift some of the malaise gripping shares in London, though conditions remained nervous as stocks and bonds in America nursed heavy early losses.

The Bank of England said it has lowered its forecasts on UK inflation following September's ½ per cent increase in UK base rates. It sees the underlying inflation in the UK rising toward 3 per cent in the first quarter of next year but easing back to 2.5 per cent by early 1996.

This sparked a late futures rally, which in turn provided support for the cash market, though traders remain anxious ahead of today's monthly meeting between Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, and Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Dealers, however, accept that the Bank's latest inflation forecast should lessen the chances of a short-term base rate rise.

A negative start on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones average sharply lower in early trading, did little to bolster sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index remained in negative territory all day, but managed to eliminate a one-time 19.2 point deficit to end near its best of the day at 3,096.3, down 1.1. Second-liners fared better, with the FT-SE 250 up 7.4 at 3,524.3. Volume only reached a lowly 472.2 million shares.

The market's recovery was helped by further sharp gains by the regional electricity companies. Electricity shares again brightened on broker recommendations and the prospect of special dividends if the jointly owned National Grid is divested through flotation or sale.

East Midland was among the brightest performers, adding 35p to 721p, **Eastern**, 25½p to 821½p, **London**, 21p to 746p, **Manweb**, 23p to 830p, **Norweb**, 24p to 839p, **South Wales**, 18p to 838p, **Southern**, 18p to to 818p and **Yorkshire**, 24p to 759p.

Among water companies, **Thames Water** surprised the market by reporting a higher-than-expected 11 per cent interim dividend increase, prompting an initial rise to 545p, but the shares came in for some profit-taking, ending down ½p at 531½p, in spite of a 35.3 per cent advance in first half profits. Among the day's best performing water shares, **Severn Trent** added 12p to 585p, **Southern**, 10p to 618p and **Welsh Water** gained 29p to 675p.



Vickers shares improved on speculation of Daimler-Benz link

Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, also published research on the implications for utilities if there is a change on deferred taxation proposed by the Accounting Standards Board and if the Chancellor removes capital allowances in this month's Budget.

Elsewhere, **Cable and Wireless** retreated 11p to 410p, on volume of 4.81 million shares.

The market gave a muted response to a 15 per cent rise in interim net profits from C&W's **Hong Kong Telecom** unit, with the higher profits overshadowed by a slowdown in Chinese traffic growth and lower international call charges. C&W's Mercury unit unveiled hefty cuts on certain prices from next month, bringing it into line with BT.

BT firmed 4½p to 398½p as Hoare Govett made positive noises, advising clients that BT was undervalued ahead of results due next week.

Hoare Govett is understood to be pushing **BICC**, up 2p to 338p, on the back of an attractive 7 per cent yield and 15 per cent underperformance in the past quarter.

There was talk of interest in **Chubb Security**, up 7p at 330p, on volume of 710,134 shares, with market whispers that something may be afoot, while **T Cowie** also attracted speculative interest as the shares firmed 6p to 220p.

BP, down 9p to 426p, came in for profit-taking after reporting a better-than-expected 23 per cent advance in third quarter replacement cost net income, driven by cost cuts, productivity and volume gains and good cash generation. BP's refining margin, however, appears to be uncertain, with downward pressure likely to continue into the fourth quarter.

In the defence industry takeover battle, **British Aerospace** recovered 6p to 452p, while **GEC**, which last Friday launched a £14 a share counter-bid for **VSEL**, firmed 4p to 281p after posting its offer document. GEC disclosed that it bought a further 113,000 VSEL shares on Monday, or 0.29 per cent, at £14 a share, lifting its total stake in VSEL to 14.99 per cent. Most brokers think that GEC's offer could prove decisive. VSEL eased 2p to £13.88.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Vosper Thornycroft** added 18p to 753p, giving a two-day gain of 34p, while **Vickers** firmed 6p to 178p, fuelled by positive noises from Flemings, the merchant bank, and speculation of a possible link-up with Daimler-Benz.

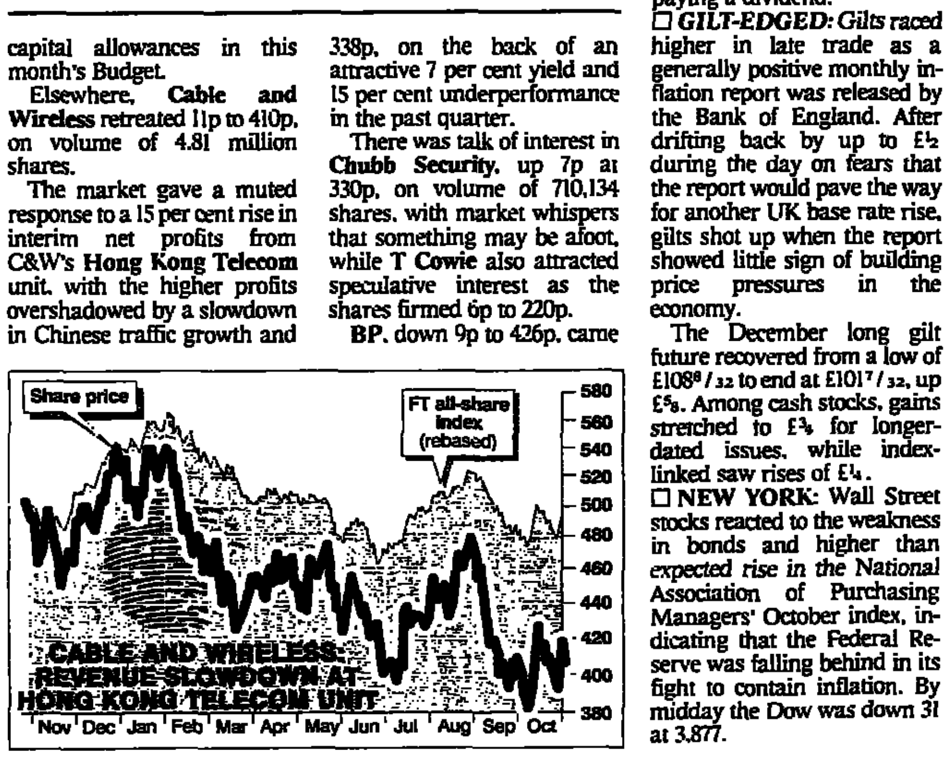
Huntingdon International dived 21p to 44p after the company said that it is no longer in talks over the sale of its engineering businesses and warned of significantly lower full year profits in the current year and that it will not be paying a dividend.

Bridport-Gundry, the nets and webbing manufacturer, which last week reported a jump in full year profits, added 4p to 108p on news that Mercury Asset Management has acquired a further 275,000 shares, or 2.7 per cent of the company, bringing its total shareholding in the group to 12.1 per cent.

□ *GILT-EDGED: Gilts* raced higher in late trade as a generally positive monthly inflation report was released by the Bank of England. After drifting back by up to £½ during the day on fears that the report would pave the way for another UK base rate rise, gilts shot up when the report showed little sign of building price pressures in the economy.

The December long gilt future recovered from a low of £108⁸/₃₂ to end at £101⁷/₃₂, up £⅝. Among cash stocks, gains stretched to £¾ for longer-dated issues, while index-linked saw rises of £¼.

□ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks reacted to the weakness in bonds and higher than expected rise in the National Association of Purchasing Managers' October index, indicating that the Federal Reserve was falling behind in its fight to contain inflation. By midday the Dow was down 31 at 3,877.



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Nikkei Average .... 19916.48 (-73.12)

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FT 100 .... 3096.3 (-1.1)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3524.3 (+7.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1331.23 (-5.91)
FT A All-Share .... 1536.51 (+0.20)
FT Non Financials .... 1659.10 (+0.21)
FT Gold Mines .... 263.1 (-10.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 107.64 (-0.10)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.06 (+0.02)
Bargains 24404
SEAQ Volume 472.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 156.54 (-0.55)
US$ .... 1.6347 (+0.0041)
German Mark .... 2.4511 (-0.0065)
Exchange Index .... 80.9 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2811
£:SDR 1.0925
RPI .... 145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	6	-½
Adare Prntg	180	...
Artesian Estates	73	...
BZW Commodities (100)	87	-2
BZW Commodities Wts	43	-2
Calluna	92	...
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Filtronic Comtek	135	+10
Games Workshop (115)	123	-3
Group Dv Cap Wts	26	-1
Hambros Sml Asian	58	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
Irish Permanent (180)	220	-3
Man ED & F (180)	170	+4
Prolific Inc	486	...
Servisair (135)	145	...
Whitchurch	62	...
Wrexham Water	338	...
Wrexham Water NV	320	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

APTA Healthcare n/p (17)	¼	...
Bullers n/p (20)	4	...
Cattles n/p (118)	15	+4
Dragon Oil n/p (Ir4p)	¼	...
Matthew Clark n/p (500)	34	-5
Novo n/p (26)	¼	...
Sidlaw n/p (180)	14	-1
Smurfit (J) n/p (Ir330p)	35	-5
Union Square n/p (5)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Adam & Harvey .... 528p (+15p)
Pearson .... 642p (+8p)
Wace .... 236p (+8p)
British Land .... 391p (+12p)
FALLS:
Diploma .... 441p (-10p)
Broken Hill .... 932p (-17p)
Powerscreen .... 282p (-13p)
Flextech .... 470p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Spaniard in the works

SHAREHOLDERS in Allied Domecq can take *comfort that the envisaged* reduction in the £280.4 million purchase price for the outstanding 27 per cent stake in Spain Alecq (the holding company for Pedro Domecq) involves a currency adjustment, reflecting the dollar content of the deal, rather than the discovery of some Hispanic black hole. Equally, it would appear that the decision by Ramon Mora-Figueroa, Domecq's chief, to exercise his six-year put option on Allied within months of the deal being clinched, relates to his personal financial affairs.

Bearing in mind that the dividend flow from Spain Alecq to Carrizuelo, Señor Mora-Figueroa's private company, was always deductable from the £280.4 million, there was arguably little incentive, leaving aside tax considerations, for Señor Mora-Figueroa to hang on. Allied refuses to be drawn on the scale of the dollar adjustment, which will be modest: probably less than £10 million.

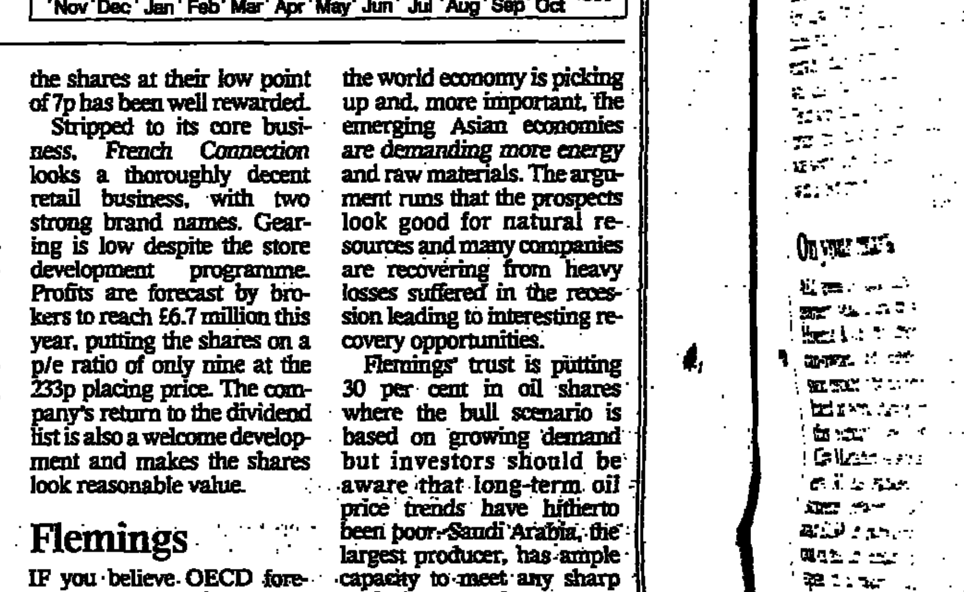
Although the speed of consolidation surprised analysts, they were not displeased and Allied's share price edged up 3p to 601p. Analysts at Warburg Securities are predicting pre-exceptional pre-tax profits of £725 million (£636 million) for the year to end-February which, on earnings per share of 42.5p, indicates a p/e ratio of 14.1. In the inevitably dilutive light of Señor Mora-Figueroa's unexpected "put", the pre-tax prophecy for 1995-96 has been shaded from £795 million to £775 million. What is now awaited *is the divestment of* Allied's food manufacturing division, where break-up value is estimated at some £830 million. The value of the shares will become clearer then.

BP

AFTER yet another set of sparkling results from BP, it seems that almost a generation has passed since the dark days of losses in 1992. Today, the company is in a more expansive mood and is beginning to talk about investment — disciplined, of course — but a sea-change from last year, when the company's purse-lipped message was "cost-cutting" and not much else.

It can afford to feel confident. While oil prices and refining margins both fell, BP raised its profits by more than 20 per cent in the third quarter, against the previous year. The performance downstream was particularly impressive; profits from refining and marketing bounced back 60 per cent from the second quarter, despite a 10 per cent slump in worldwide refining margins over the three months.

BP's risk could now be over-confidence. Two years ago, the company had little choice but to knuckle down and repay its bankers. Today, with free cash to spare, lower debt and healthier margins, it faces a more difficult choice: to boost investment or raise the dividend. Growing energy demand will tempt many oil companies to increase investment downstream now, with the risk of bringing capacity *into production as the market* begins to turn down. Next year, BP will signal whether the rising tide of cash will end up in shareholder's pockets or in ambitious expansion.



French Connection

FRENCH Connection is bound to raise a few eyebrows with its latest financial manoeuvre. How many companies organise an institutional placing to repay loans from their chief executive?

The company's finances certainly look a touch incestuous, with Mr Marks being at one time the company's largest shareholder and largest creditor. Even after the institutional placing, Mr Marks will still own a comfortable controlling interest.

But French Connection's outside shareholders owe a vote of thanks to Mr Marks. Without his support, there would be little left of the company except a dog-eared receivers' bill. *On two occasions* during the recession Mr Marks provided funds for the company when its bankers clearly thought the proposition was too risky. Anyone with the faith to buy the shares at their low point of 7p has been well rewarded.

Stripped to its core business, *French Connection* looks a thoroughly decent retail business, with two strong brand names. Gearing is low despite the store development programme. Profits are forecast by brokers to reach £6.7 million this year, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of only nine at the 233p placing price. The company's return to the dividend list is also a welcome development and makes the shares look reasonable value.

Flemings

IF you believe OECD forecasts on economic growth, natural resources look a tempting stock market play. Several fund managers, *joined yesterday* by Flemings, have launched trusts offering a piece of the action.

The rationale is simple: the price of commodities such as oil and base metals are at historic lows in real terms when the world economy is picking up and, more important, the emerging Asian economies are *demanding more energy* and raw materials. The argument runs that the prospects look good for natural resources and many companies are recovering from heavy losses suffered in the recession leading to interesting recovery opportunities.

Flemings' trust is putting 30 per cent in oil shares where the bull scenario is based on growing demand but investors should be aware that long-term oil price trends have hitherto been poor. Saudi Arabia, the largest producer, has ample capacity to meet any sharp peaks in demand.

To get the biggest bang for their bucks, fund managers will need to target special situations and smaller companies as rising commodity price expectations have already boosted the prices of the more solid mining and oil groups.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	943-942	Mar	1045-1041
Mar	973-971	May	1057-1051
May	983-982	Jul	1069-1059
Jul	993-992	Sep	1080-1072
Sep	1008-1006		
Dec	1026-1024		Volume: 2574

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3410-3403	Jul	3387-3370
Jan	3451-3448	Sep	3370-3350
Mar	3423-3420	Nov	3360-3340
May	3407-3403		Volume: 1847

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	343.8-40.8
Spot: n/a		Oct	320.3-16.8
Dec	357.0-55.0	Dec	320.1-14.8
Mar	349.1-47.5	Mar	321.6-14.8
May	347.0-45.3		Volume: 3458

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 31

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	75.77	97.96	116.72
(+/-)	+0.53	+5.82	+0.15
Eng/Wales:	75.77	98.19	116.37
(+/-)	+0.52	+6.36	+0.12
(%)	-5.0	-4.0	-10.0
Scotland:	75.60	97.23	120.59
(+/-)	+0.39	+3.95	+0.71
(%)	-6.0	+2.0	-15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.45	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Dec)	17.20	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.90	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.45	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	18.25	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 188 (+1)	O: 190 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	154 (+3)	155 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Nov	155 (+2)	158 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Dec	157 (+3)	160 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (+3)	99 (+2)
Naphtha	170 (-1)	173 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	153.00-53.25	Feb	157.25 SLR
Dec	154.75-55.00	Mar	157.00-57.25
Jan	156.00-56.50		Vol: 16654

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	17.17-17.18	Mar	16.58 BID
Jan	16.87-16.89	Apr	unq
Feb	16.72-16.75		Vol: 35497

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	105.25
Jan	107.10
Mar	109.10
May	111.10
Jul	112.75
	Volume: 197

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	101.25
Jan	103.75
Mar	106.05
May	107.75
Sep	93.25
	Volume: 45

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	225.0	226.0
May	unq	242.5
		Volume: 22

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec 81.75-82.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 94	1820	1815	1818
Dec 94	1730	1725	1733
Jan 95	1670	1665	1671
Apr 95	unq	unq	1643
Vol: 106 lots		Open Interest: 2733	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2694.0-2695.0	2679.0-2680.0	Vol: 1576175
Lead ($/tonne)	661.00-661.50	677.00-677.50	134350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1137.0-1138.0	1159.5-1160.0	352675
Tin ($/tonne)	5965.0-5975.0	6055.0-6060.0	27635
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1833.5-1834.0	1856.5-1857.0	1490000
Nickel ($/tonne)	7400.0-7405.0	7520.0-7525.0	105402

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3089.0	3125.0	3085.0	3119.0	12012
Previous open interest: 57530	Mar 95	3123.0	3123.0	3123.0	3138.5	2
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.47	93.57	93.39	93.51	34081
Previous open interest: 484295	Mar 95	92.60	92.76	92.53	92.70	32757
	Jun 95	91.94	92.11	91.91	92.05	10891
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				94.01	0
Previous open interest: 42SC	Mar 95				93.54	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.82	94.83	94.80	94.82	10865
Previous open interest: 680560	Mar 95	94.54	94.55	94.50	94.53	19625
Long Gilt	Dec 94	100-16	101-08	100-08	101-07	43318
Previous open interest: 106381	Mar 95	99-23	99-23	99-23	100-11	5
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	108.00	108.17	107.97	108.09	1930
	Mar 95	107.24	107.35	107.23	107.32	186
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	89.17	89.39	88.95	89.34	85766
Previous open interest: 179993	Mar 95	88.34	88.40	88.26	88.54	1342
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.89	93.89	93.84	93.88	372
Previous open interest: 22750	Mar 95	93.43	93.45	93.39	93.43	406
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.85	95.87	95.82	95.85	2035
Previous open interest: 44183	Mar 95	95.51	95.56	95.50	95.53	1201
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	99.85	100.59	99.75	100.09	23411
Previous open interest: 64617	Mar 95				99.35	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5¾ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6½-6⅜	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	7¼-7⅛
Interbank:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	7¼-7⅛

Overnight: open 5⅞, close 6½.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5¹¹⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7¹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.22-5.19	n/a	5.57-5.53	5.86-5.83	6.46-6.43
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82 %. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	4½-3¾
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	5-4
French Franc:	5⅞-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¼-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3½	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4⅛-4¹⁄₁₆	4½-3½
Yen:	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2⅝-2½	2½-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.20-383.60 Close: $383.65-384.15 High: $384.65-385.15 Low: $381.50-382.00 AM: $383.45 PM: $384.50

Krugerrand: $386.00-388.00 (£237.00-239.00)

Platinum: $414.60 (£253.40) **Silver:** $5.25 (£3.205) **Palladium:** $158.85 (£97.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7332-2.7544	2.7332-2.7366	⅛-¼pr	⅞-¾pr
Brussels	50.20-50.62	50.20-50.30	8-4pr	15-9pr
Copenhagen	9.5390-9.6110	9.5390-9.5540	⅛-½ds	¼-1½ds
Dublin	1.0095-1.0153	1.0095-1.0121	5-2pr	15-11pr
Frankfurt	2.4406-2.4576	2.4406-2.4438	⅛-¼pr	⅞-¾pr
Lisbon	249.46-251.26	249.46-250.11	67-102ds	404-494ds
Madrid	203.35-204.57	203.35-203.65	32-41ds	88-103ds
Milan	2506.10-2523.40	2506.10-2510.20	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.2080-2.2155	2.2080-2.2111	0.14-0.06pr	0.24-0.12pr
New York	1.6310-1.6374	1.6310-1.6320	0.09-0.08pr	0.21-0.18pr
Oslo	10.6270-10.7090	10.6270-10.6430	¼-1½ds	¼-1½ds
Paris	8.3450-8.4140	8.3450-8.3600	⅛pr-par	1-¾pr
Stockholm	11.6720-11.7430	11.7180-11.7430	1⅛-2⅛ds	5-6½ds
Tokyo	157.87-158.56	157.87-158.15	⅞-¾pr	1⅞-1½pr
Vienna	17.30-17.39	17.30-17.34	1⅞-¾pr	5¼-3¾pr
Zurich	2.0354-2.0537	2.0354-2.0384	⅝-½pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3497-1.3506
Austria	*10.60-10.61*
Belgium (Com)	30.75-30.79
Canada	1.3547-1.3552
Denmark	5.8510-5.8540
France	5.1255-5.1265
Germany	1.4964-1.4969
Hong Kong	7.7272-7.7277
Ireland	1.6176-1.6201
Italy	1536.00-1538.00
Japan	96.55-96.60
Malaysia	2.5570-2.5580
Netherlands	1.6770-1.6780
Norway	6.5205-6.5235
Portugal	152.90-153.10
Singapore	1.4664-1.4674
Spain	124.60-124.70
Sweden	7.1615-7.1690
Switzerland	1.2484-1.2489

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6328-1.6355
Australia dollar	2.2104-2.2129
Bahrain dinar	0.6110-0.6230
Brazil real*	1.3795-1.3837
Cyprus pound	0.745-0.755
Finland markka	7.462-7.578
Greece drachma	375.25-382.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.6502-12.6549
India rupee	50.87-51.83
Kuwait dinar KD	0.481-0.491
Malaysia ringgit	4.1866-4.1895
Mexico peso	5.5425-5.6425
New Zealand dollar	2.6588-2.6640
Pakistan rupee	49.63 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0795-6.2055
Singapore dollar	2.4009-2.4033
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5890-6.6422
S Africa rand (com)	5.7103-5.7188
U A E dirham	5.9553-6.0770

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	191	Legal & Gn	811
ASDA Gp	2,400	Lloyds Bk	2,800
Abbey Natl	1,500	MEPC	1,400
Allied Dom	839	Marks Spr	4,600
Argyll Gp	2,900	NatWst Bk	1,500
Arjo Wiggn	3,100	Nat Power	2,300
AB Foods	189	Nth Wst W	670
BAA	1,900	P & O	1,400
BAT Inds	3,600	Pearson	2,000
BOC	928	PowerGen	1,700
BP	9,800	Prudential	1,700
BTR	6,300	RMC	380
BT	4,800	RTZ	2,400
Bk of Scot	1,000	Rank Org	1,000
Barclays	4,800	Reckitt Col	2,400
Bass	941	Redland	1,000
Blue Circle	2,600	Reed Intl	1,000
Boots	873	Rentokil	583
Bowater	843	Reuters	2,700
Brit Aero	1,600	Rolls Royce	2,900
Brit Airwys	4,000	Ryl Ins	6,000
Brit Gas	9,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,800
Brit Steel	5,300	Sainsbury	1,600
Burmah Cstl	391	Schroders	4
Cable Wire	4,300	Scot & New	730
Cadbury	1,400	Scot Power	664
Caradon	539	Sears	1,700
Carlton Cms	2,000	Svrn Trent	882
Cm Union	2,400	Shell Trans	3,100
Courtaulds	832	Siebe	626
De La Rue	1,200	SmKl Bch	4,600
Eastern Elec	1,200	Smith Nph	612
Enterpr Oil	586	Sthern Elec	1,200
Forte	2,300	Std Chard	4,000
GKN	338	Sun Allnce	1,500
GRE	1,600	TI Gp	707
GUS	921	TSB	1,200
Gen Acc	774	Tesco	825
Gen Elec	2,300	Thames W	6,400
Glaxo	3,000	Thrn EMI	301
Granada	578	Tomkins	2,100
Grand Met	3,300	Unilever	868
Guinness	2,400	*Utd Bisc*	2,200
HSBC	1,700	Vodafone	4,600
Hanson	6,200	Warburg (SG)	979
ICI	1,200	Wellcome	778
Inchcape	1,000	Whitbread	1,900
Kingfisher	856	Wlims Hld	534
Ladbroke	4,400	Wolseley	875
Land Secs	255	Zeneca	2,100

WALL STREET

	Nov 1 midday	Oct 31 close
AMP Inc	75	75½
AMR Corp	54⅛	55⅛
AT & T	54⅝	55
Abbott Labs	31½	31
Aetna Life	46⅛	46⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅝	19⅛
Air Prod & Chem	47	47¼
Albertson's	29⅝	30
Alcan Aluminm	26⅛	26⅞
Alco Standard	56⅞	57
Allied Signal	34⅛	34⅝
Alum Co of Am	85⅞	85⅜
Amax Gold Inc	6⅞	6⅞
Amerada Hess	49⅝	49⅝
Amer Brands	34½	34⅞
Amer Cyanamid	98⅝	98⅞
Amer El Power	31½	32
Amer Express	30⅛	30⅞
Amer Genl Corp	27⅞	27½
Amer Home Pr	63⅝	63⅞
Amer Intl	93⅝	93⅝
Amer Stores	26⅝	27⅜
Ameritech	39⅞	40⅛
Amoco	62⅞	63⅝
Anheuser-Busch	50⅝	50⅞
Apple Computer	42⅝	43⅞
Archer Daniels	28⅜	28⅝
Armco	7⅝	7½
Armstrng Wrld	41½	41½
Asarco	31½	31⅝
Ashland Oil	38⅝	38⅝
Atl Richfield	106⅝	108⅝
Auto Data Pro	58⅝	58⅝
Avery Dennison	33⅝	33⅞
Avon Products	63⅝	63⅞
Baker Hughes	20⅝	20⅛
Baltim Gas & El	22⅞	23⅞
Banc One	28⅝	28⅞
BankAmerica	43⅛	43⅞
Bank of NY	31½	31⅝
Bankers Tr NY	65⅛	66⅛
Barnett Banks	41	41½
Bausch & Lomb	33	32⅞
Baxter Intl	26⅛	26
Becton Dicknsn	47⅞	47⅝
Bell Atlantic	52⅝	52⅝
BellSouth	52⅞	53⅞
Black & Decker	25⅝	25⅝
Block (H&R)	44½	44⅝
Boeing	43⅝	43⅝
Boise Cascade	26⅛	26⅛
Borden Inc	13⅝	13⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58⅝
Browning Ferris	31½	31½
Brunswick	20⅝	20⅝
Burlington Nthn	49⅝	49⅝
CBS	58⅞	59⅞
CNA Financial	62	62⅞
CPC Intl	52⅞	53⅝
CSX	71½	72⅝
Campbell Soup	41⅛	41⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	16
Cpd Cities ABC	82	83⅛
Carolina Pwr	26⅛	26⅛
Caterpillar	58⅛	59⅝
Central & SW	22⅞	22⅛
Champion Intl	36⅝	37
Chase Manhtn	36	36
Chemical Bk	37⅝	38
Chevron Corp	44⅛	45
Chrysler	48⅝	48⅝
Chubb Corp	69⅛	69⅞
Cigna Corp	67⅛	65⅝
Citicorp	46⅛	47⅛
Clorox	54⅛	54
Coastal Corp	27⅛	28⅛
Coca Cola	50⅛	50⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	61	61
Columbia Gas	22⅞	22⅛
Compaq Comp	40⅛	40⅝
Comp Ass Int	49⅛	49⅛
Conagra	31⅛	31½
Cons Edison	24⅝	24⅞
Cons Nat Gas	35⅝	36⅛
Cons Rail	53⅝	54⅛
Cooper Inds	36⅛	37⅝
Corning Inc	33⅝	34
Crown Cork	38⅛	38⅝
Dana Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Dayton Hudson	77⅝	77⅝
Deere	69⅝	71⅛
Delta Air Lines	51⅝	52⅝
Deluxe Corp	28⅛	28⅞
Detroit Edison	26	26⅝
Digital Equip	30⅛	30⅝
Dillard Dept St	26⅛	26⅝
Disney (Walt)	39⅝	39⅝
Dominion Res	37	37⅛
Donelley (RR)	30⅛	31⅛
Dover Corp	55⅝	55⅝
Dow Chemical	71⅝	73⅛
Dow Jones	29⅛	29⅝
Dresser	20⅝	21⅛
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅛	58⅛
Du Pont	59⅛	59⅝
Eastman Kodak	49⅛	48⅝
Eaton Corp	51⅛	52⅝
Emerson Elec	61⅝	60⅞
Engelhard Corp	23⅞	23⅞

	Nov 1 midday	Oct 31 close
Enron Corp	32⅛	32⅛
Entergy	23⅝	23⅞
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	61½	62⅝
FMC Corp	60⅞	61
FPL Group	33	33⅝
Federal Express	60⅝	60⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	75⅝	76
First Chicago	49	49
First Interstate	78⅝	80
First Union Rly	7⅝	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	33	34⅛
Fluor Corp	49	49⅞
Ford Motor	29⅛	29⅝
GTE Corp	30⅝	30⅞
Gannett	47⅝	48
Gap Inc Del	33½	33⅝
Gen Dynamics	42⅝	42⅝
Gen Electric	49	48⅝
Gen Mills	57	56
Gen Motors	38⅛	39⅝
Gen Reinsurance	111½	112
Gen Signal	35⅛	36
Genuine Parts	35⅞	36⅛
Georgia Pac	72⅞	73⅝
Gillette	74	74⅝
Glaxo ADR	19⅝	19⅞
Goodrich (BF)	44⅞	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	35⅝	35
Grace (W&R)	37⅞	39⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26	26⅛
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17⅝
Halliburton	36½	37
Harcourt General	36⅝	37
Heinz (HJ)	37⅛	37½
Hercules	115⅞	116⅞
Hershey Foods	47⅛	47⅞
Hewlett Packard	97	97⅞
Hilton Hotels	60⅞	60⅝
Home Depot	45⅛	45½
Homestake Mng	18⅝	18⅞
Honeywell	32⅛	32⅝
Household Intl	34½	35⅝
Houston Inds	34⅝	34⅞
Humana	23⅝	24⅝
ITT Corp	84⅛	84⅝
Illinois Tool	44½	44⅞
Illinova	19⅝	19⅞
INCO	29⅝	30⅛
Ingersoll Rand	35⅝	35⅝
Inland Steel	35⅝	35⅝
Intel Corp	61½	62⅝
IBM	74	74⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	44⅞	43⅞
Intl Paper	72⅝	74⅝
James River Va	22⅛	22⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54⅞	54⅝
Kellogg	58⅝	58⅝
Kerr-McGee	48⅝	49⅝
Kimberly-Clark	51½	51½
Kmart	16⅛	16⅛
Knight-Ridder	51½	51½
Lilly (Eli)	61⅛	62
Limited Inc	18⅛	18⅝
Lin Brdcstng	137⅞	138
Lincoln Nat	36⅛	36⅛
Litton	36⅝	36⅝
Liz Claiborne	22⅛	23⅝
Lockheed	72	72
Louisiana Pac	30⅛	30⅝
MCI Comm	22⅞	23
Marriott Intl	28⅛	28⅝
Marsh & McLnn	74⅝	75
Masco Corp	23⅝	23⅝
May Dept St	37⅝	37⅝
Maytag Corp	16⅛	15⅞
McDonalds	29⅛	28⅝
McDonnell D	138	141
McGraw Hill	73⅞	74⅝
Mead Corp	49⅛	49⅝
Medtronic	52	52⅝
Mellon Bk	54⅝	55⅝
Melville Corp	32⅛	33⅛
Merck Inc	35⅝	35⅝
Merrill Lynch	38⅛	39⅝
Minnesota Mine	54⅞	55⅝
Mobil Corp	83⅝	86
Monsanto	76	76⅛
Morgan (JP)	60⅛	61⅛
Motorola Inc	58⅛	58⅝
Natl Medical	14⅞	14⅝
Natl Semi	18	17⅝
Natl Service Ind	26⅛	26⅛
Navistar Intl	12½	13⅛
NBD Bancorp	30⅛	30⅝
NY Times A	22⅛	22⅝
Newmont Mng	41½	41½
Niag Mohawk	13⅛	13⅝
Nike B	60⅛	60⅝
NL Industries	12⅛	12⅞
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	48⅝	49⅛
Norfolk Sthn	62⅝	63
Nthn State Pwr	44⅛	44⅝
Norwest Corp	24⅛	24⅞
Nynex Corp	39	39⅞
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	19	19⅛
Oracle Systems	45⅝	46
Oryx Energy Co	14⅞	14½

	Nov 1 midday	Oct 31 close
Owens Corning	31½	32⅞
PNC Financial	23⅝	23⅝
PPG Industries	40⅛	40⅛
Paccar Inc	44⅛	44⅝
Pacificorp	17½	17⅝
Pac Enterprises	20⅞	21½
Pac Gas & Elec	22⅞	22⅝
Pac Telesis	31	31½
Pall Corp	18⅛	18⅝
Panhandle East	23⅛	23⅝
Parker Hannifin	46⅛	46⅞
Peco Energy	25⅛	25⅝
Penney (JC)	49⅝	50⅝
Pennzoil	51⅛	51½
Pepsico	35⅞	35
Pfizer	73⅝	74⅝
Phelps Dodge	60⅝	61½
Philip Morris	60	61⅛
Phillips Pet	36⅛	36⅞
Pitney Bowes	33⅛	33⅝
Polaroid	33⅛	33⅝
PriceCostco	15⅛	15⅛
Procter & Gmbl	62⅞	62⅞
Providian	31⅝	31⅛
Pub Serv E & G	25⅝	26⅛
Quaker Oats	74⅝	74⅝
Ralston Purina	42⅛	42⅞
Raychem Corp	36⅝	37
Raytheon	63⅝	65⅝
Reebok Intl	39⅛	39⅝
Reynolds Metals	55⅝	55⅝
Roadway Srvcs	56⅝	57⅛
Rockwell Intl	34⅝	34⅝
Rohm & Haas	60	60⅛
Royal Dutch	114⅝	116⅝
Rubbermaid	27⅛	27⅝
Safeco Corp	50	50⅝
St Paul's Cos	42⅛	43⅝
Salomon Inc	38⅝	39⅛
Santa Fe Pac	15	14⅝
Sara Lee Corp	24⅛	24⅝
Scecorp	13⅝	13⅝
Schering Plough	71⅝	71⅞
Schlumberger	58⅛	58⅝
Scott Paper	65⅛	66⅛
Seagram	30⅛	30⅝
Sears Roebuck	48⅛	49⅝
Shell Trans	70⅛	71⅛
Sherwin Wlims	32⅛	32⅝
Skyline Corp	19⅛	19⅝
Snap-On-Tools	31⅛	31½
Southern Co	19⅛	19⅝
Sthwestern Bell	41⅛	41½
Sprint Corp	33⅛	32⅛
Stanley Works	39⅝	39⅝
Sun Company	31⅛	32⅛
Sun Microsys	32⅛	32⅛
Suntrust	50⅝	50⅝
Supervalu	23⅞	24⅞
Sysco Corp	25⅛	24⅞
TRW Inc	69⅝	71½
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	17⅛	17⅝
Tandy Corp	44⅛	44⅞
Teledyne	17	19⅝
Temple Inland	47⅛	47⅝
Tenneco	43⅛	44⅛
Texaco	64⅝	65⅝
Texas Inst	75⅛	74⅝
Texas Utilities	32⅛	33⅛
Textron	51⅛	51
Time Warner	35	35⅝
Times-Mirror	32⅛	32⅝
Timken	34⅛	34⅝
Torchmark	36⅛	36⅞
Toys R Us	38⅝	38⅝
Transamerica	49	49⅝
Travelers	34⅞	34⅝
Tribune	52	52⅝
Tyco Labs	47⅛	48⅛
UST Inc	26⅛	26⅛
UAL	95	94⅝
USX Marathon	18⅛	18⅛
Unicom	21⅝	21⅞
Unilever NV	118⅝	118⅞
Union Camp	47⅛	47⅛
Union Carbide	32⅛	33⅛
Union Pacific	49⅝	48⅝
Unisys Corp	10⅝	10⅝
USAIR Group	4⅛	4⅝
USF&G Corp	13⅛	13⅝
US Life	32⅝	32⅞
US West	37⅝	37⅛
United Tech	62⅝	63
Unocal Corp	28⅛	28⅝
Upjohn	33⅝	33
VF Corp	51⅛	50⅝
WMX Tech	28⅛	28⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅝	23⅝
Warner-Lambert	75⅝	76⅛
Wells Fargo	147⅝	148⅝
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14½
Weyerhaeuser	38⅝	39⅛
Whirlpool	51⅝	52
Whitman	16⅛	16⅝
Winn Dixie	52⅝	52⅝
Woolworth	15⅛	15⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45⅛	45⅛
Xerox	101⅛	102⅛
Yellow Corp	19	19⅝

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	600	21	35	42	22	29½	40½
(*601)	650	6½	16½	21½	57½	62	72
Argyll	260	14½	22	25	12	17	22
(*262½)	280	6½	13	16	24	28½	34
ASDA	60	5	6½	8	3	5½	6
(*60½)	70	1½	3	4½	10	12	12
Boots	500	38½	52½	58	7½	14½	22
(*531)	550	12½	26	32½	33	38	46½
Br Airways	360	19	29	36	17	23	29½
(*361½)	390	8	16½	23½	36½	41	47½
BP	420	21½	30½	37	14	20½	25½
(*426)	460	6	13	19½	38½	44	48
Br Steel	140	21½	25½	28½	1½	3½	6
(*158½)	160	8½	14	17	8½	11½	14
C & W	390	33½	45½	54	12	18	25½
(*410)	420	17½	30½	38½	26½	32½	40
CU	493	59½	65	—	3½	12	—
(*542½)	543	25	33½	—	19½	33	—
ICI	750	68½	80	88	9	23	32
(*799½)	800	36	49½	60	27½	45	54½
Kingfishr	460	33½	47½	51	13	22	29½
(*473)	500	11½	28½	32	33	43	51
Land Sec	600	30½	43½	50½	12½	16	26½
(*620)	650	9	20	26	41½	43½	55
M & S	390	32½	42	49	4½	9½	11½
(*416)	420	14½	24½	31	16	22	24
Nat West	500	31	40½	50	16½	31½	36
(*509)	550	11	19	29	46	61½	65½
Sainsbury	390	22½	34½	42½	14	19½	27½
(*399)	420	9	20½	28½	30½	36½	43½
Shell	700	43	53½	60	9½	22	26½
(*725½)	750	15	2½	34	32½	48	52
Smkl Bch	390	25	34½	41	13	20	25
(*403)	420	12	21	27½	29	35½	41
Storehse	200	21	24½	28½	2½	5	7
(*217)	220	8½	13	17½	10½	13	15½
Trafalgar	80	6	9	10½	5½	7	8
(*81)	90	2½	5	6½	12	12½	14
Unilever	1100	63	82½	94	16½	31½	42
(*1141½)	1150	33½	54	66½	37½	55	65½
Zeneca	850	41½	56	67½	24½	42½	49½
(*858)	900	19½	33	45	52½	71	78
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	30	38	44	1½	11	14½
(*416½)	420	8	20	28	11	24½	28½
Ladbroke	140	12	18½	21½	1	5	8
(*150)	160	2	8½	12	11	14½	19
Utd Bisc	300	17½	28½	32½	2	7	15½
(*313½)	330	3	13½	18	18	22	32½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	28½	39	47	10½	15	20
(*517)	525	15	25½	—	22	26½	—
Thames W	500	37	51½	59½	10½	16	25½
(*531½)	550	12½	26½	33	35½	41	51½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	22	36	43½	3½	12	24½
(*436½)	460	4	16½	24	25½	32½	46½
BTR	300	12½	21½	26	4½	10	17½
(*306)	330	1½	8½	13	34½	28	35½
Br Aero	420	39	55	62½	6	17	25½
(*451)	460	10	33½	42½	22½	34½	45
Br Telcm	390	13	20	28	4	14	18
(*397½)	420	1½	8	15	23	33½	36
Cadbury	420	23½	36½	41	2	8	16½
(*440½)	460	3½	15½	21	21½	27	37½
Guinness	460	15	28	35½	4½	12½	21½
(*468½)	500	1	10½	17	31½	35½	44
GEC	260	21	24½	31	0½	4½	7
(*279½)	280	7	13	19	5½	12	15
Hanson	220	12½	16½	19½	1½	6½	10½
(*230½)	240	2	7	10½	11	17	21
LASMO	134	14	—	—	0½	—	—
(*147)	154	2½	—	—	9	—	—
Lucas	180	14½	21	24½	1	5½	8½
(*192½)	200	3½	10	14½	9½	14½	18½
Pilkingtn	180	14½	18	22½	1	5	8
(*193)	200	3	7½	12	9	15	17½
Prudential	300	18½	28	31½	2	7½	14½
(*315½)	330	3	12½	16	16	21½	31
Redland	460	17½	31	38½	9	19½	34
(*462)	500	1½	14	22	38½	43½	60
Royal Ins	280	21½	32	37½	2	9	14½
(*299)	300	8½	20½	22	9½	17	24½
Tesco	220	15½	23	28	1	5	10
(*234)	240	3½	11½	17	9	14	20
Vodafone	200	15	21	27½	1½	7½	9½
(*212½)	217	4½	12	—	8	15	—
Williams	325	22	—	—	0½	—	—
(*344½)	354	4	—	—	11½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3093½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Nov	176½	131	91	57½	32½	16
Dec	196½	159	121	92	66½	46
Jan	221½	185½	151½	122	93	71
Feb	240½	203½	171½	*142*	*113*	*92½*
Jun	—	251½	—	190½	—	143½
Puts						
Nov	8	13½	24½	42½	70	108
Dec	27½	40½	53½	79½	101	132½
Jan	45½	60	76½	96½	119	147½
Feb	54½	67½	86	106½	130	150½
Jun	—	102	—	139½	—	193

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	390	31½	40½	44½	4½	14½	20
(*413½)	420	13	23½	28½	16½	29½	35
Amstrad	25	4½	5½	6	0½	1½	2
(*28½)	30	1½	3	4	3	4	4½
Barclays	550	48	61½	68½	6	17	24
(*587½)	600	17	32½	42	24½	40½	48
Blue Circ	280	13½	21	26½	9½	14½	22
(*281)	300	5½	12½	18	22	25½	34
Br Gas	280	17	25	29½	5	9½	16
(*289½)	300	6½	14½	19½	14	18½	26½
Dixons	180	17½	22½	27½	4	9	12½
(*192)	200	7½	12½	17½	13	19	22½
Forte	220	18½	25	29	4	6½	11½
(*233½)	240	7	14	18	13	15	21½
Hillsdwn	160	11½	15	19	3½	6½	11
(*166½)	180	3	5½	10	15	17	23
Lonrho	130	8	11½	15	5½	10½	12
(*130½)	140	4	7½	10½	11½	16½	18
Sears	100	9½	12	14	1	3½	5½
(*107)	110	4	7	8½	5	8	10½
Thrn Eml	950	50	63	86½	12½	27½	35½
(*982½)	1000	22	38½	58	34	52	59
Tomkins	200	16½	21	25½	3½	7½	10½
(*211)	220	6	11	15½	13	18	20½
TSB	220	13½	19	23	5½	12	15
(*227½)	240	4	9½	14½	17	23½	26½
Wellcome	600	49½	68	79	14	25½	37
(*630)	650	22½	42	53	37	49	61½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	550	60½	72	82½	10½	21	28
(*594)	600	30½	43½	56½	30½	45	51½
HSBC	700	50½	67½	78½	24	47½	57
(*718½)	750	27½	44½	55½	51	76	85
Reuter	460	37½	47	56	11½	18½	23½
(*482½)	500	16	26½	36	30	38	43
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	17½	23	26	1	3½	7
(*176½)	180	4	12	15	7½	12	16
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	10	14½	18	4½	7	9
(*116)	120	5½	10	13½	10	12	14
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	800	33	56	77½	18½	39½	50½
(*821)	850	10	32	54	45	66	75½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	41½	53	64	5½	12½	30½
(*496½)	500	17	30	41	19½	28½	38½
Scot Pwr	360	18	26½	36	15	24½	29½
(*360)	390	7	14½	23½	34	42	47

November 1, 1994 Tot: 22456 Call: 10487 Put: 11969 FT-SE Call: 4156 Put: 5906

*Underlying security price.

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Millar aboard at Clydeport

CLYDEPORT Holdings, the privatised port operator that is based in Scotland, will surely be a share to watch closely when it floats on the stock market later this year. For, appointed to the board yesterday, in a non-executive role, is none other than James Millar, the pugnacious Scottish industrialist who has attracted more than his fair share of corporate activity in the past. Millar was at the helm at Invergordon Distillers during its protracted takeover battle with Whyte & Mackay. The American-owned Whyte & Mackay launched its first bid in 1991 at 225p a share, a 38 per cent premium to the then market price, but Millar's men put up such stiff opposition that Whyte & Mackay had to wait two years to complete the takeover at 300p. More recently, Millar was able to play Tesco off against J Sainsbury to secure what was regarded as a phenomenally high price for Wm Low, the less-than-successful Scottish supermarket chain where he was also the chairman. Tesco won the day, but at a price: the knockout offer was worth 360p, compared with a 169p pre-bid price.

On your mark

ALL speed to Mark Montgomery, head of dealing at Hoenig & Co, the American-owned soft commission broker, who has been hard at work training for this Sunday's New York City Marathon. Montgomery, 30, has managed to squeeze between £1,200 and £1,500 in sponsorship out of his City contacts, in spite of a modest track record — the last major race he tackled was the London Marathon in 1983. He flies out today. Funds raised will go to Shelter, the charity for homeless people.



Merging? Not us

SPECULATION about a possible merger between the Halifax Building Society and the Leeds Permanent, the United Kingdom's fifth largest society, refuses to die down. The rumour mill went into overdrive yesterday after the Halifax held a national conference for its senior and general managers — the first such event in four years. Mike Blackburn, the Halifax chief executive who occupied the same post at the Leeds until 18 months ago, is reported to have made a mission statement to staff, having toured the society's branches over the past year. A spokesman denied this included any talk of a merger, but industry observers still believe that the two societies are moving closer together.

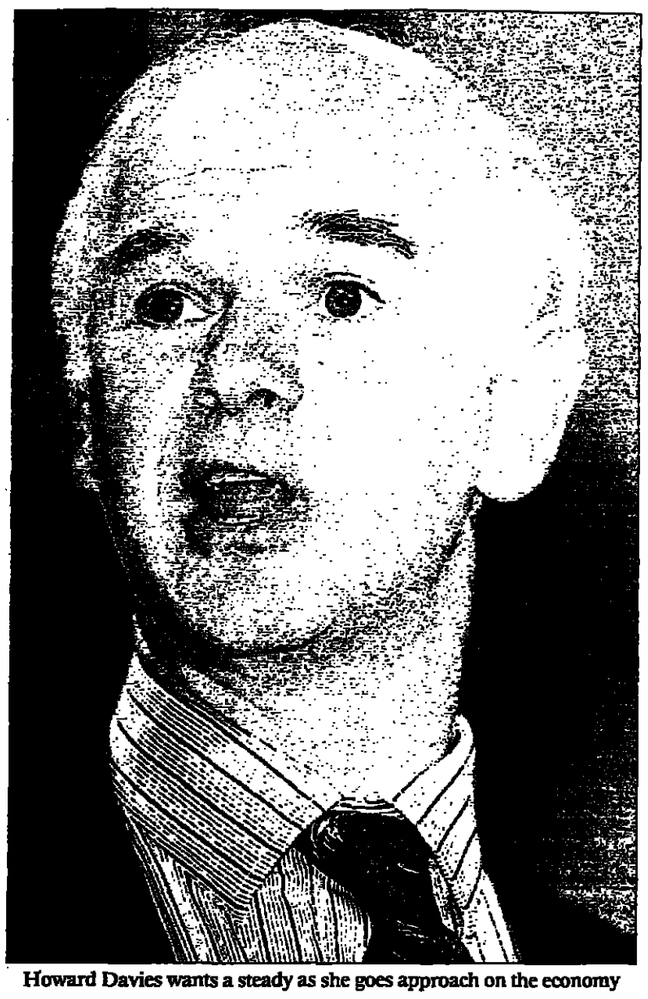
Sugar suspense

WHAT does Alan Sugar have up his sleeve this time? The Amstrad chairman has summoned hacks to a press conference at the posh Regent Hotel opposite Marylebone station on November 11 — and steadfastly refuses to say what the whole business is about. Nothing like a bit of suspense.

JON ASHWORTH

CBI fears good times are too good to last

Industry fears that the Government will cut taxes and raise interest rates, says Philip Bassett



Howard Davies wants a steady as she goes approach on the economy

Howard Davies has a problem. With the economy improving — growth, exports and investment all up, unemployment down and inflation still low — what has British business got to moan about? As the director-general of the CBI prepares for his organisation's annual conference in Birmingham, which begins at the weekend, he poses the dilemma himself: "The economy is doing well. So what *has* business got to complain about now?"

However good things seem, businessmen, like farmers, always seem to want more. Charles Wardle, the industry minister, says of British industry: "There will always be more that people want from government — just as there is always a great deal more that industry can do for itself." Mr Davies is determined to solve the problem by offering the Government solutions to what he sees as looming difficulties.

He will try to deflect, too, the potential of the CBI gathering to be a blend of wish list and complaints by deploying a galaxy of star outside speakers — Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine and Virginia Bottomley from the Government; Paddy Ashdown and Robin Cook from the Opposition benches; Ruud Lubbers and Padraig Flynn from Europe; Bill Jordan from the unions. (A few industrialists will be smuggled in to speak, too.)

The CBI's leader likes to walk the line joining government and business — a line that has dominated the political agenda in recent days. Business is a natural supporter of the Conservative Party, and Mr Davies does not believe that allegations of Tory sleaze will have much changed that — though he acknowledges that Conservative ministers' hotel bills are as likely to be gossiped about in the boardroom as at Westminister.

"The only aspect on which it does have an impact," he said, in a pre-conference interview with *The Times*, "is that the longer the Government remains as unpopular as it certainly is in the polls, people will say the more they will have to do on the economy — the tax-cutting side — to recover."

Here lies the core of what Mr Davies and business have to "moan" about. CBI leaders believe the current policy mix on the economy is about right, and in its proposals for this month's Budget, the CBI suggests little more than some fine tuning of the present blend of a relatively tight fiscal policy and a relatively loose monetary policy.

"The politics and economics are roughly moving together," Mr Davies said. "Ken Clarke has taken the view that you have to maintain your tax increases whatever the political consequences, so what you would see as a virtuous economic policy is currently seen by Ken Clarke as a virtuous political policy."

The CBI is worried that that may not last — so Mr Davies sees business's job as stressing the importance of the present policy mix for strengthening and sustaining economic recovery, without building in any elements — especially on inflation — that bode badly for the future.

But business leaders recognise that that mix is not necessarily politically popular, and that pressure will build up, probably next year, for changes ahead of the next election.

"It's fairly clear that there will be a fiscal relaxation between now and the next election," Mr Davies says. "There is a risk that the Government will seek to cut taxes sharply ahead of the election." The CBI thinks it should not, but suspects that it will. Likewise, it sees no need for a further rise in interest rates, but believes more increases are on the way. Mr Davies acknowledges that pressures appear to be building up on pay, and certainly on input prices, but says these are less homogeneous than they appear, with many sectors, such as energy and retailing, not showing any price rises yet at all.

> The CBI chief thinks Europe is almost as big a problem for Labour as for the Tories

In any case, the confederation doubts whether a further interest rate rise would help much, and while its leaders concede that some shift in the value of sterling might do so, it is extremely unwilling to see any increase in the currency's real exchange rate.

If "steady as she goes" is broadly the message that will be relayed at the Birmingham conference, in one area of the economy, the CBI is set to make a highly unusual move. Tomorrow, it will launch a policy initiative aimed at emphasising the continuing problem of unemployment, and especially long-term unemployment, for the economy and business. It will draw on two surveys: one of employers' attitudes to unemployment, the other of the long-term unemployed themselves — the first such investigation carried out by a business organisation. The CBI will set out what it sees as business's responsibilities towards the unemployed, including the mismatch between how unemployed people might get jobs and where employers seek to hire people. It will also propose an extension of in-work benefits and greater concessions on earnings, to reduce the number of people out of work for a long time.

If that all sounds like Tony Blair, Mr Davies is willing to acknowledge the greater attractiveness to business of a Labour Party under Mr Blair's leadership. The late John Smith was respected by business but thought — despite his one-member-one-vote victory over the unions last year — to be still too close, in policy terms, to the trade unions. Mr Blair is perceived, in Mr Davies's words, as someone who does not owe the unions "much, if anything, for his rise, and therefore is free to take an objective view".

The CBI leader thinks greater business support for the Blair-led Labour Party may be little more than a reflection of Labour's current standing in the polls. But he acknowledges that the Labour leader's move against clause four of the party's constitution — on common ownership — is "significant" for British industry's view of Labour. While few in the Labour Party believe that clause four is much more than talismanic, many industrialists acknowledge privately that its removal would considerably reduce the symbolic — and perhaps even the practical — threat of further nationalisation by a future Labour government. That would enhance Labour's acceptability for business.

The CBI leader believes Europe is almost as much of a problem for Labour as it is for the Government. But despite the social chapter, which industry resolutely opposes, European issues are less of a problem for business. As the CBI conference gets going on Sunday, Mr Davies will disclose two new surveys of business, which he will use in preparing a package of proposals for industry to put to the Government on the future direction of Europe, ahead of the inter-governmental conference in 1996.

The surveys — one of a general membership sample, the other covering 500 of the CBI's most senior individual figures — will show continued business support for the European Union (including a single currency and economic and monetary union, which so vexed CBI-government relations this time last year), and little or none for the option of withdrawal, recently floated by Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor.

Mr Davies detects, too, support in business for a multi-track, multi-speed Europe, as sketched out by the Prime Minister — principally because business leaders probably have a greater sense of the differing economic strengths of individual EU member states than many Conservative backbenchers.

That economic sense will inevitably dominate the CBI conference. What worries business is the prospect that policies which, it feels, will lead to steady growth, might be undermined by short-term requirements that would plunge the economy back into traditional boom and bust.

Mr Davies and other business leaders want to see ministers keep their nerve, and maintain present policy, controlling public expenditure and pursuing a longer-term strategy for borrowing and taxation.

Holding steady sounds like easy caution, but it is far from risk-free. And neither is it certain that the Government, gingered up by the CBI and others, can bring it off in the way British industry would like to see.

Abbey and its rivals get the buying habit

Increasing competition among UK mortgage lenders is forcing a consolidation of a highly fragmented market. Faced with tough competition, the need to cut costs and the pressure to lend at competitive rates, mortgage lenders are looking around at ways to maintain and increase their market share.

Abbey National's £56.3 million acquisition of Household Mortgage Corporation is one of a series of purchases of centralised mortgage lenders by traditional mortgage houses.

HMC's £1.6 billion mortgage book is modest in comparison with Abbey's £45 billion book and will lift its share of the domestic mortgage market only 0.4 per cent to 12.7 per cent. But traditional mortgage lenders are fending off growing competition from the banks in a market where there is little new mortgage business coming through their doors.

The Abbey acquisition is part of a growing trend for banks and building societies to boost their share of the stagnant domestic mortgage market through acquisition.

John Franklin, a corporate finance director of Fox-Pitt, Kelton, the merchant bank, said the HMC takeover was one of the few ways Abbey could get more assets on to its book. He said: "The mortgage market is so flat that the only way in which building societies and businesses like Abbey, which is really a quoted building society, can get additional mortgages on to their books is to make acquisitions."

He said the market was so flat, and there was so much competition for a small amount of business, that it was difficult and expensive for lenders to attract new business.

The HMC acquisition is Abbey's second this year. It bought the £900 million UK residential mortgage operation of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) in February.

For building societies, whose regulations prevent mortgages from these books being merged with their mainstream mortgage business, there is the added attraction of increasing access to the wholesale funding markets — which is more of an advantage in times when interest rates are on the increase.

Last month, Halifax received clearance from the Department of Trade and Industry to proceed with its proposed acquisition of the £1.5 billion UK mortgage book of Banque Nationale de Paris.

In August, the Nationwide Building Society bought Lehman Brothers' £70 million mortgage book. Birmingham Midshires is acquiring the £600 million Crédit Agricole book, and last year bought the £75 million United Bank of Kuwait book.

However, for Abbey, which converted to bank status five years ago, the advantage is in being able to offer cheaper funding to HMC, making its mortgages more competitive. Mortgages from centralised lenders are typically more expensive than those from building societies and banks, particularly in a low interest rate environment.

Peter Birch, Abbey's chief executive, said Abbey looked long and hard at whether, by taking over HMC, it would encroach on Abbey's existing business. "We were satisfied that it would not," he said.

The acquisition will also increase its distribution channels. HMC's sales are all made through independent financial advisers, lawyers and accountants.

Mr Birch said HMC will complement the CIBC business, which does not have its own distribution channel. He said if Abbey had not been successful in its bid for HMC, it had plans, at an advanced stage, to distribute mortgages through Abbey National Mortgage Finance, which was set up to run CIBC.

Abbey is exploring how to link the two businesses. HMC is likely to be used as an administration centre for new products from ANMF, sold through independent mortgage advisers, as well as continuing to sell its own products. Abbey is also thinking of a systems link between the two.

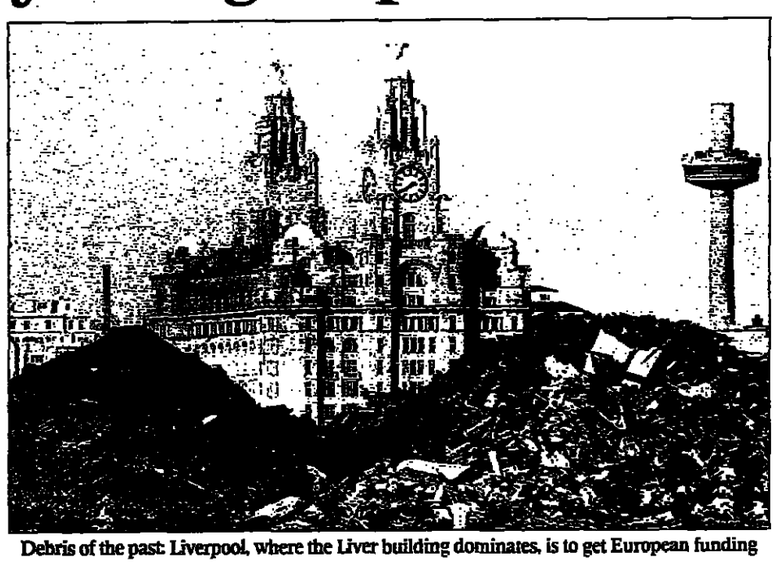
The key advantage for Abbey in the acquisition is that it will be able to provide funding for HMC at sub-Libor. "At the moment, HMC is paying Libor plus 50 basis points," he said. "The attraction for HMC is that it gives it long-term security, lower cost funding and the opportunity to develop and grow the business." He said that Abbey expects HMC to double its assets in the next five years.

The price, at a £26.3 million premium above net assets, or 1.6 per cent of the gross mortgage book, is probably higher than Abbey would have paid if it had been the only bidder. Nevertheless, Mr Birch said, it will be earnings-enhancing from this year.

PATRICIA TEHAN

Carl Mortished on a £1.6bn handout for struggling Liverpool

Merseyside grasps an Ecu lifeline



Debris of the past: Liverpool, where the Liver building dominates, is to get European funding

The great stone battleships that line Liverpool's waterfront — the Liver building, the Cunard building and other symbols of civic pride and corporate grandeur — would have turned pink with embarrassment yesterday had they known that bureaucrats in Belgium have decided that Merseyside is a pauper and a deserving recipient of massive foreign aid.

It is easy to forget that Merseyside was once rich: fattened with the profits of North Atlantic trade, Liverpool's merchants and financiers built a city that now contains an enviable collection of listed buildings.

Over the past three decades its reputation was shredded, initially by the loss of much of the traffic in the port to containerisation and union folly, later by the antics of its local government leaders and generally by media appetite for Liverpool stories of murder and mayhem.

Merseyside's monuments have in large part survived it all, offering a pleasant vista to the area's employed professionals who commute from leafy suburbs through largely empty streets to the financial district. For those in jobs, life is pleasant and inexpensive, but the lack of traffic jams tell another story of emigration and severe unemployment.

The loss of unskilled jobs in the docks and the closure of large manufacturing plants on Merseyside has created a chronic unemployment problem with pockets in Bootle where as many as half of the male adult population are out of work.

When KPMG Peat Marwick was asked to do research for the European Commission, the region's gross domestic product per head had fallen to 75 per cent of the European average, a trigger-point that gave Merseyside access to structural funds. In Eurospeak, it was designated Objective 1.

What this means in practice is a massive injection of cash into Merseyside, £1.6 billion to be spent over five years in infrastructure improvements, support to business, training, new technology and leisure facilities.

Merseyside's infrastructure includes not just transport but professional services, universities and a sophisticated telecommunications network helped by the presence of companies like GPT and Cable Northwest, which is investing £400 million in the area.

Christopher Gibaud, chief executive of the Mersey Partnership, an organisation aimed at promoting inward investment, argues that Merseyside's problems may be part of its salvation in the 1990s, offering low costs, both in wages and rents to foreign investors: "We missed out on the 1980s while others benefited, but we now start from a low base and we are pretty competitive."

Curiously, infrastructure is a focus for the Government, which is charged with doling out the cash from Brussels. It is a bias that irks some struggling private sector firms in Merseyside that want direct access to funds to develop their businesses rather than glossy new premises. In the rush of enthusiasm that followed what seemed like Merseyside winning the pools, scores of firms applied for Objective 1 money, mostly to fall foul of the Government's unwillingness to be seen to be lining the pockets of the private sector.

Enthusiasm for Objective 1 is undiminished and Merseyside is blossoming with quasi-public bodies keen to find ways to get past the Whitehall red tape to the land of the golden Ecu.

There is, however, a lingering concern that the government is opposed to the philosophical background to Objective 1, based as it is on the notion of Europe of the regions with structural funds seen as the backdoor to a federal Europe.

The Mersey Partnership sees its major obstacle, not in persuading foreigners of the region's merits, but credibility on the home front: "Merseyside is not yet an acceptable location for some fund managers and institutions. We are pushing at an open door in Brussels but although the door is not closed in London, it is difficult."

Much has changed since political turmoil of the last decade and Liverpool's council is now respectably dull compared to the flash theatricals of Derek Hatton. The city is proudly gearing up for its bid for City of Architecture in 1999.

Many people are also aware of the price paid for the city's heritage and eagerly await news of jobs and a better life.

In the recently restored Albert Docks the Merseyside Maritime Museum has mounted an exhibition on the transatlantic slave trade, telling in graphic detail how thousands of ships with press-ganged crews sailed to the west coast of Africa, exchanging guns for slaves and then taking their cargoes of misery to the West Indies, swapping slaves for sugar, tobacco and bills of exchange to finance the next voyage.

At the end of the exhibit, the public is invited to comment. On a scrap of paper pinned to a board a black woman asks: who will compensate us for this? Another piece of paper reads: white people were slaves too. The comments are small reminders that more than just the hopes of business are riding on the success of Objective 1.

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Late rally cuts losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
633	390½	Abbey Nat	415	- 1	4.7	14.0
314	233	Allied Irish	251	- 1	5.0	9.5
247	172½	Bank Scotland†	206	- 2	3.2	11.6
640	487	Barclays	567	+ 4	3.5	18.1
319	246	Bk of Ireland	280	- 5	4.7	8.1
2812½	2262½	Citicorp†	2900	+ 6¼	..	..
285½	203	Close Bros	235	- 1	4.0	..
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£130¾	+ 37½	6.2	..
1296½	1056½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1109¾	- 12½	0.5	..
£344¾	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£300½	+ 90¾	2.2	..
1315¾	831¼	Espirito Santo	887¾	+ 28¾	4.1	4.6
90	60	First Nat Fin	68	..	2.8	..
1549¼	1152¼	Fuji Bank Y	1353	- 7	0.4	..
473	309	Hambros	333	..	8.0	9.5
1113	660	HSBC†	719	- 7	4.3	10.4
1133	680	HSBC Hk†	724	- 5	4.2	10.5
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	..	5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	485	- 1	5.0	8.5
660	519	Lloyds	572	- 2	5.0	11.3
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	479	- 9	5.6	10.5
622	421	Nat West	509	+ 5	4.8	9.5
3300	2125	Ottoman Bank	2300	..	6.6	..
79	53	Rea Bros	61	..	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Royal Bk Scot	449	+ 9	3.3	20.3
1574	1050	Schroders	1358	- 2	1.7	12.4
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1255	- 5	1.8	11.5
114	75	Singer & Fried†	78	..	5.0	10.0
359½	223	Stand Chart	286	- 7	2.8	9.8
291	197	TSB	228	+ 2	4.4	11.5
1012	569	Warburg SG	614	..	4.5	7.4
£105	8812½	Wells Fargo†	9112½	- 87½	3.0	..
280	194	Westpac	204¾	+ 1	2.7	..
390	218	Wishart	218	..	5.9	14.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10¼	1½	Accat Hldgs	2	..	..	..
619	485	Bass	550	- 7	4.8	14.4
299	250	Boddington	254	..	4.1	13.7
198	168	Burtonwood Brw	186	..	3.4	15.5
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	168	..	2.7	23.3
66	46¾	Fosters Brewing	54	- 1	5.0	..
483	380	Fuller Smi 'A'	380	..	2.6	15.7
511	398	Greenalls Grp	412	- 1	3.8	15.8
594	452	Greene King	539	..	3.0	14.7
76	59	Hall(?) Hldgs	66	+ 1	..	51.5
265	239	Hardy Hanson	280	..	4.3	13.3
170	135	Heavitree	150	..	3.4	15.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3525	- 13	1.7	19.4
246	195	Mansfield	227	..	2.4	13.0
314	256	Mission Tham(?)	307	..	2.4	15.9
545	463	Morland	508	..	2.5	17.0
10¼	6½	Paramount†	7¼	..	3.3	..
274	209	Regent Inns†	268	+ 1	2.5	..
581	477	Scot & New	522	+ 4	4.1	15.5
306	229	Vaux Group	337	+ 3	5.1	15.3
421	324¼	Wetherspoon JD†	405	+ 3	2.0	..
617	494	Whitbread	567	- 5	4.1	16.5
589	493	Wolverhmptn D	527	+ 1	3.1	14.8
180	148	Yates Bros	173	..	2.2	21.4
535	483	Young 'A'	495	..	3.8	19.0

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
137	108	ABI Leis	106	..	4.6	14.9
295	248	Acal	285	+ 1	3.0	17.8
529	353	Adam & Harvey	528	+ 15	3.5	7.3
31	22	Alexanders	23	..	2.7	21.4
175	117	Appleyard	120	..	6.0	21.2
6	3½	Ask Br Eng	4¼	..	1.4	58.8
578	495	BSS Group	525	..	4.2	21.9
23¾	17	Bearing Power	22½	..	4.2	14.3
465	295	Blechley Mtr	258	..	5.1	10.6
40	28	Bicpod 'A'	28	..	3.1	..
28½	17	Boustead	26	..	3.8	..
370	268	Brammer†	340	..	4.8	18.9
31	16	Bridgend Gp	18	..	1.6	..
99	78	Brit Fittings†	90	..	3.1	..
71	45	Brown & Tawse	48	..	..	..
57	36	Burndene	36	..	6.9	10.5
465	279	Caffyns	270	..	5.3	18.2
59	28	Cosalt Plc	29½	..	4.7	18.0
130	95	Central Mtr	95	..	4.6	23.5
57	32½	Cook (DC)	39½	+ ½	3.2	12.1
348	207	Cowie	220	+ 6	4.7	10.8
192¼	127	Dag Motors†	140	..	5.8	16.1
158	113	Davpn(?) Vern	156	..	2.6	15.5
663	446	Dennans B(?)	597	..	1.4	16.7
628	440¼	Diploma	441	- 10	3.5	17.7
589	443	Electrocomponents	449	- 11	2.6	19.6
175	133	Electron House	155	..	2.6	16.0
350	225	Ellis & Everard	260	- 1	3.7	19.2
234	202	Eurodollar	205	..	5.2	16.9
173	106	European Mtr	110	..	4.8	11.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	404	..	4.4	12.7
656	490½	Farnell Elect	482	- 11	2.0	20.2
78	50	Fife Indmar	61	..	5.6	9.0
34	18	Gardiner	18¼	..	5.1	8.7
46	22	Glencleweton	22	- 1	..	24.3
90	60	Gowrings†	73	..	3.4	22.2
342¼	266¼	Henlys	272	..	3.4	14.6
28	16	Hobsons	24½	..	..	..
191	88	Holders Tech	95	..	7.9	10.3
138	110	ISA Intl†	113	..	1.9	14.1
609	395	Inchcape†	433	- 3	4.3	14.4
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	..	..	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	156	- 1	3.2	18.1
573	332	Lex Service	334	+ 1	6.0	12.8
282	162	Lookers	190	..	4.5	11.8
29½	24	Malgas Grp	#24	..	1.3	..
6	3½	Middlesex ©	5¾	..	..	..
440	279	Nortain	440	..	0.6	27.1
100	47	Northamber	87	..	1.1	36.9
175	155	PCT†	155	..	6.0	15.0
310	232	Pendragon	241	+ 2	3.9	15.8
238	165	Perry Grp	165	..	5.3	9.0
215	141	Quicks Group†	141	..	4.7	14.8
137	97	REA	138	..	5.5	28.1
5¼	3¼	Racco	3¼	- ¼	..	..
24	7¼	Ross Gp	8½	..	2.9	..
42	34½	SEP Ind	34½	..	3.3	16.2
130½	75	Simon Eng	97	- 2	..	..
44	31	TLS Range	37	..	3.4	14.9
265	215	Time Products	238	..	4.7	15.8
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158	..	3.6	14.9
335	250	Wholesale Ftgs	250	..	5.9	..
30½	18	Wills Grp†	18½	..	3.4	10.4
69	40	Wyko	65	..	1.0	..
96	68	Young (H)	68	..	6.1	72.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

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DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

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ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	34	AAF Inds	41	..	..	..
345	233	Abbey Panels	345	..	..	..
156	108	Airflow Stream†	153	..	3.3	15.0
639	474	Avon Rubber	537	..	3.6	23.3
336	173	BBA†	185	..	3.0	..
89½	57½	BSG†	60	+ 2½	6.7	37.5
18½	8½	Barcan Group†	10	..	4.1	..
306	180	Bostrom†	298	..	2.5	17.0
22	12½	Caredale	14	- ¼	1.3	14.2
332	275	ERF	323	..	0.8	..
346	296	First Tech	333	..	1.3	19.2
660	510¼	GKN†	604	- 3	4.2	35.3
4387½	2418¾	General Mtr	2418¾	- 68¾	2.0	..
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1065¼	- ¼	0.4	..
444	340	Laird†	349	+ 1	3.9	16.4
239	156	Lucas†	194	+ 1	4.5	..
64	53	Mayflower†	54	..	3.2	22.0
124	69	Minstors(?)	79	+ 1	..	11.0
178	149	Syltone	163	..	3.8	16.1
251	203	T & N†	216	..	6.3	18.8
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	306	- 4	2.7	22.0

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abeds Stk H	34	..	..	..
579¼	416	Airtours	421	..	2.7	14.6
46½	18	Ald Leis	18			
177	144	Alpha Airprt	154	+ 1	3.3	..
131	85	Baldwin	113	..	3.9	19.4
333	257	Bar & W 'A'	294	- 3	4.3	12.2
250	135¼	Bluebird Toys†	235	..	3.2	7.0
365	331	Boosey Hawkes†	342	..	1.9	20.2
7¼	3	Brent Walker	3	- ¼	..	..
200	100	Bristol Scotts†	183	..	2.0	..
7¼	2¼	Buckingham Int	2¼			
247	114	Chrysalis	235	..	1.7	..
94	78	City Centre Rest	78	..	2.9	15.4
374	305	Compass Gp	320	- 3	2.7	18.8
280	232	Eurocamp	265	..	4.7	19.9
213	76	Euro Disney	85	+ 1	..	..
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½			
43½	24	Ex-Lands†	27½	..	1.9	..
455	308	Fairline Boats	435	..	3.4	30.3
350	255	First Leisure	255	- 4	3.3	18.9
285	209½	Forte†	234½	+ 4½	4.0	27.8
207	169	Friendly Hotels†	178	- 1	4.0	29.8

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands†	721	+ 35	4.5	50.2
666	566	Eastern Elec	621½	+ 25½	3.5	18.0
753	534	London Elec	746	+ 21	3.8	11.4
871	635	Manweb	830	+ 23	3.7	9.9
840	547	Midlands Elec	799	+ 14	3.6	12.3
520	404½	National Power	496	- 1	3.2	12.3
858	589	Northern Elec	844	+ 9	3.7	10.6
421	329	Nthn Ireland	364	- 1	3.9	9.9
850	587	Norweb	839	+ 24	3.4	11.0
602	448	PowerGen	569	+ 2	2.8	12.5
477	307	Hydro-Elec	323	+ 1	4.9	10.2
486	325	Scottish Power	360½	+ 1½	4.3	11.4
453	299	Seeboard	440	+ 8	3.3	11.8
840	591	Sth Wales	838	+ 18	3.8	11.4
824	551	Sth Western	806	+ 10	3.6	10.7
837	540	Southern Elec	818	+ 18	3.5	12.8
796	532	Yorkshire Elec	759	+ 24	3.9	14.8

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MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead▼	346	..	2.1	31.3
355	198	Adscene	288	..	2.8	20.6
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½	..	..	..
11¼	5¼	Allied Radio	5¾	..	..	..
26	15	BBB Design	15	..	..	7.7
235	183	Barbour Index	183	..	5.8	15.8
13½	6¼	Boxcelle(?)	7	+ ¼	..	..
345	320	Black (A&C)†	335	..	5.0	12.1
402	213	Blenheim Gp	250	- 3	5.2	8.2
205	133	Border TV	185	..	2.7	15.5
413	365	Bristol	376	..	4.1	28.0

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	#51	..	2.5	..
165	79	BWD	94	- 1	5.8	7.7
126	96	Baltic Plc	124	- 1	2.0	7.8
185	83	Berry Birch Noble	83	- 2	7.7	10.9
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	134	- 2	5.4	8.8

BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103⅞	100⅝	Treas 9% 1994	100⅝ †		8.99	
107⅝	101⅞	Treas 12% 1995	101⅞	- ⅛	11.84	5.68
98⅝	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅝	- ⅛	3.04	5.83
107⅝	102⅞	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅞		10.00	6.49
113⅝	105⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	105⅝ †		12.06	6.85
117⅝	107⅝	Treas 14% 1996	107⅝	- ⅛	12.98	7.00
121⅛	110⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	110⅝ †	- ⅛	13.75	7.33
117⅝	103⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	108⅝ †	- ⅛	12.24	7.42
117⅞	103⅝	Conv 10% 1996	103⅝	- ⅛	9.63	7.83
121⅞	110⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	110⅝	- ⅛	12.02	7.42
114⅝	104⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅝	- ⅛	10.01	8.00
110⅝	100⅝	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅝	- ⅛	8.66	8.21
131⅝	116⅝	Exch 15% 1997	116⅝	- ⅛	12.83	8.32
114⅝	102⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅝	- ⅛	9.43	8.42
106⅞	95⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	96⅝	+ ⅛	7.51	8.41
102	93⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94⅝	+ ⅛	7.11	8.41
131⅞	115⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅝ †	- ⅛	12.05	8.61
140⅞	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122⅝	- ⅛	12.63	8.50
125⅞	110⅝	Exch 12% 1998	111⅝ †	- ⅛	10.79	8.60
116⅞	101⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	103	- ⅛	9.22	8.57
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
126⅞	111⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅝	+ ⅛	10.86	8.66
121⅝	105⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	106⅝ †	+ ⅛	9.83	8.63
101⅝	88⅝	Treas 6% 1999	90⅝	+ ⅛	6.66	8.55
121⅞	104⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅝ †	+ ⅛	9.66	8.68
116⅝	99⅝	Conv 9% 2000	101⅝	+ ⅛	8.87	8.61
135⅝	116⅝	Treas 13% 2000	118⅝	+ ⅛	10.98	8.80
122⅝	103⅝	Treas 10% 2001	105⅝	+ ⅛	9.46	8.77
106⅝	88⅝	Treas 7% 2001	91⅝ †	+ ⅛	7.68	8.69
120⅝	102⅝	Treas 9¾% 2002	104⅝	+ ⅛	9.29	8.82
113⅝	92⅝	Treas 8% 2003	95⅝	+ ⅛	8.39	8.75
127⅝	104½	Treas 10% 2003	107	+ ⅛	9.35	8.80
123⅝	109⅝	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111⅝	+ ⅛	10.27	8.98
86⅝	69⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73⅝	+ ⅛	4.79	7.41
125⅝	101⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	104⅝	- ⅛	9.06	8.74
105⅝	84⅝	Treas 6¾% 2004	87⅝ †	- ⅛	7.73	8.64
125½	102⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	105⅝	+ ⅛	9.04	8.72
143⅝	118⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120⅝ †	+ ⅛	10.33	9.04
112⅞	90⅝	Treas 7¾% 2006	93⅝	+ ⅛	8.29	8.82
111⅝	91⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	94⅝	+ ⅛	8.44	8.69
136⅝	112⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115⅝	+ ⅛	10.19	9.04
119⅝	95⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	98⅝	+ ⅛	8.59	8.82
151⅝	124⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127⅝	+ ⅛	10.58	9.05
124⅝	99⅝	Treas 9% 2008	103⅝	+ ⅛	8.73	8.80
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115⅝	97⅝	Treas 8% 2009	94⅝	+ ⅛	8.43	8.59
126⅝	100⅝	Conv 9% 2011	103⅝	+ ⅛	8.67	8.55
127⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	104⅝	+ ⅛	8.65	8.52
93⅝	71⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅝	+ ⅛	7.43	8.29
117⅝	92	Treas 8% 2013	95⅝	+ ⅛	8.38	8.47
114⅝	89⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅝	+ ⅛	8.35	8.47
128⅝	99⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅝	+ ⅛	8.52	8.45
159½	126⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅝	+ ⅛	9.21	8.68
UNDATED						
54⅞	39⅝	War Ln 3½%	41⅝ †	+ ⅛	8.48	..
37⅝	27⅝	Treas 2½%	28⅝	- ⅛	8.71	..
INDEX-LINKED						
203⅝	197⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	199⅝	+ ⅛	2.79	4.17
113⅝	106⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅝	+ ⅛	2.86	3.68
176⅝	163⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅝	+ ⅛	3.43	3.85
173⅝	159⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅝ †	+ ⅛	3.55	3.87
118⅝	107⅝	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108⅝	+ ⅛	3.57	3.89
184⅝	165⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	167⅝	+ ⅛	3.60	3.85
168⅝	149⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅝ †	+ ⅛	3.64	3.86
179⅝	154⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅝	+ ⅛	3.67	3.88
146⅝	128⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅝	+ ⅛	3.69	3.86
157⅝	134⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137⅝	+ ⅛	3.71	3.88
152⅝	128⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅝	+ ⅛	3.74	3.89
139⅝	106⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	+ ⅛	3.72	3.86
128⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	+ ⅛	3.78	3.90

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311¼	Brit Biotech	597	- 1	..	..
488	393	Carlab(?) Pharms	393	..	..	..
233	191	Celltech	221	- 1	..	..
151	88	Chiroscience	89	..	..	..
47	40½	Cortecs	47	..	..	..
157	107	Fisons	116	- 1	3.9	..
725	520	Glaxo†	597	- 2	5.7	14.4
185	95	Grampian Hldgs†	99	+ 3¼	6.9	18.3
187	120	Medeva†	174	- 2	2.1	14.0
3	1½	Pacific(?) Health	1½	..	..	..
330	227	Quality Care	255	..	2.2	14.8
285	242	Scotia	265	+ 3	..	..
83	44	Shield Diag	60	..	..	..
465¼	357¼	SmithKline	404	- 3	3.8	15.6
421	322	SmithKline Uts	372	- 1	4.2	14.4
731	498	Wellcome	632	- 7	3.4	14.4
869	672	Zeneca†	856	- 3	4.0	17.2

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SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	601	+ 3	4.6	14.7
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	392	- 1	3.4	22.6
149	105	Burn Stewart†	119	..	5.3	28.2
506	375	Grand Met	437	+ 1	4.8	18.1
542	428	Guinness†	469	+ 1	3.5	15.4
457	393	Highland Dist	479	..	2.2	18.8
222	127	Macallan-Glen†	215	..	0.7	58.3
695	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	675	..	1.8	27.7
614	517	Matthew Clark▲	533	- 5	4.2	12.5
250	113	Merrydown W	114	..	2.7	..
190	142	Taunton Cider	151	- 1	5.5	11.5

SUPPORT SERVICES

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353¼	BT	358½	+ 4½	5.2	13.9
543	381	Cable Wireless	410	- 11	2.5	17.4
1543	1146	Securicor	1453	..	0.3	36.0
1059	765	Securicor 'A'	944	+ 1	0.4	23.4
892	606	Security Serv	760	..	1.2	24.1
220	157½	Vodafone	213	+ 1½	1.6	27.8

TEXTILES & APPAREL

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TRANSPORT

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WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	549	+ 2	5.2	14.3
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	325	..	4.5	18.9
611	454	North West	506	+ 3	5.1	8.5
751	566	Northumbrian	706	+ 5	4.3	7.6
645	457	Severn Trent	565	+ 12	4.8	8.2
1740	1525	South Staffs	1725	..	3.6	11.5
675	464	South West	525	+ 1	6.1	7.7
668	468	Southern	616	+ 10	4.7	8.0
611	434¾	Thames	531½	- ½	5.6	7.9
744	546	Welsh	675	+ 29	4.7	7.4
379¼	275½	Wessex	317	- 1	6.3	4.2
630	458	Yorkshire	555	+ 2	5.1	8.2

Source: Finstat

© Unlisted. # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; § Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; ◊ Ex capital distribution; — Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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First Leisure and Arlington in marinas venture

BY CARL MORTISHED

FIRST Leisure Corporation, the bingo, bowling and dance halls group, is expanding its marina activities through a joint venture with Arlington, the property subsidiary of British Aerospace. Associated Marinas will combine First Leisure's Chichester Marina and Arlington's Port Solent facility, creating a company with net assets of £17 million owned in equal parts by the two companies.

The deal is likely to be followed by further moves offshore as John Conlan, First Leisure chief, believes marina prices are now attractive after a period of artificially high values during the late 1980s property boom.

"At the end of the 1980s they became sexy as marinas were thought to be a property play but values now are at their lowest level for six years." Development of big facilities alongside property developments at coastal resorts such as Brighton heightened the speculative frenzy but since then the bubble has burst. "Our view is that a marina is a marina is a marina. We park boats, sell fuel and collect rents." Mr Conlan said he expects profits to grow from a fall in vacancies at the marinas and in due course from increasing capacity.

First Leisure yesterday said it had made good second-half progress, with strong trading in the dancing division where annual sales are 12 per cent ahead of the previous year. The boost came from more customers with spend per head up 2 per cent without price rises. Bingo was 3 per cent ahead with spend per head up 6 per cent, but the introduction of lower prices at First Leisure's bowling alleys initially reduced revenue over the summer and is expected to affect second-half margins.

First Leisure's Chichester Marina is one of the largest in the country with 1,100 berths. Valued at £10 million in October 1993, the facility made a profit of £1 million last year and accounts for the lion's share of the joint venture assets. First Leisure will receive £5.9 million from the joint venture to compensate it for taking only 50 per cent of the equity. Arlington's 400-berth Port Solent Marina was built in 1988 as part of a residential and retail complex.

First Leisure is changing its accounting policies. In future pre-opening expenses will be amortised over the first 12 months of trading rather than over 5 years previously. The company said that henceforth one third of the property portfolio would be valued every year to replace triennial valuations of all the assets.

Jewel in C&W crown thrives in Hong Kong

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

HONG Kong Telecommunications, jewel in the crown of Cable and Wireless, boosted net profit 15 per cent to HK$4.19 billion (£331 million) in the six months to September 30, despite slower growth in China traffic and lower international call charges.

Although revenue growth of 11 per cent disappointed City analysts, earnings per share rose 4.9 cents to 37.6 cents. The dividend rises 3.5 cents to 26.9 cents.

Linus Cheung, Hong Kong Telecom chief executive, said strong growth in mobile operations and tight cost controls were the key factors behind the profit improvement.

At the operating level, profits rose 14 per cent to HK$4.76 billion. Pre-tax profit also rose 14 per cent to HK$4.86 billion (HK$4.25 billion). Turnover rose 11 per cent to HK$13.3 billion.

Growth of 21 per cent in its China traffic reflected efforts by Peking to cool the rapidly growing economy before it overheats. China traffic expansion had been forecast at closer to 30 per cent.

Hong Kong Telecom, 57.5 per cent owned by C&W, earned almost two thirds of its parent group's pre-tax profit last year. Shares in C&W, which reports first-half results next Wednesday, were marked down 8p to 413p after the Hong Kong figures.

Hong Kong Telecom has cut international call charges 10 per cent over the past six months.

The company, which has a monopoly on local calls in Hong Kong until next year and on international calls until 2000, installed its 3 millionth telephone in the crown colony in the first half. Its mobile phone network grew by more than 50,000 subscribers. Calls to China, which account for as much as a third of Hong Kong Telecom's revenue, were unaffected by the lower charges.

Mr Cheung said the company would spend HK$4 billion on infrastructure in Hong Kong this year, reinforcing its position as Asia's telecommunications hub.

Mercury Communications, C&W's UK telecommunications subsidiary, yesterday announced a 46 per cent price cut for local calls during a two-hour daily lunch period, a 27 per cent cut in economy and weekend call prices, and a freeze on line rental charges.

French Connection to raise £4.5m to repay rescue loans

BY NEIL BENNETT
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

FRENCH Connection, the fashion retailer, is raising £4.5 million in a share placing to repay loans that Stephen Marks, its founder and chief executive, pumped into the group to rescue it during the recession.

The company is placing 2.02 million shares at 233p each with institutions to raise £4.53 million. Of this, £3.55 million will be used to repay the loans from Mr Marks, while the rest will be used to fund the company's store refurbishment and expansion scheme.

Mr Marks is also placing another 329,000 shares to reduce his stake in the company from 75 to 65 per cent.

French Connection nearly collapsed twice during the recession due to ill-judged expansion drives. In 1989 the company had to be refinanced after plunging into losses of £4.7 million due to a move into contract manufacturing and a German subsidiary. Bankers only agreed to back the company if Mr Marks lent £1.55 million of his personal fortune.

Then in 1991, French Connection slumped back into losses after failing to make a sucess of its Bukta sportswear subsidiary. The company needed refinancing once again and Mr Marks had to inject another £2 million. The loans have incurred no interest until April this year, but the company is now paying 2 per cent above base rate. The company has since recovered strongly, under a new management team, by concentrating on its main retailing and wholesaling brands of French Connection and Nicole Farhi. It made a profit of £3.1 million in the six months to July 31 this year and the shares have surged from a low point of 7p in 1990 to 244p yesterday.

The company has embarked on a steady expansion programme and opened a flagship store in Regent Street in May and a Nicole Farhi outlet in Bond Street in September. Nicholas Mather, the finance director, said the company was being "very cautious" about expansion, but hoped to open two to three shops a year in Britain in the next three years and four to five in America.

French Connection says it plans to start paying dividends again at the end of its current financial year. The placing is also intended to pave the way for French Connection to graduate from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing. After the placing, the company will have a market value of almost £44 million.

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Stephen Marks, French Connection's chief executive, outside the company's flagship Regent Street store

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Losses deepen at Celsis International

LOSSES at Celsis International, the contamination detection equipment maker, deepened to £2.2 million before tax from £560,000 in the six months to September 30 and cash balances fell to £8.7 million from £11.1 million. The results were well within the group's expectations. The shares remained unchanged at 72p, compared with the July 1993 flotation price of 100p.

The worsening losses in the first half reflected the higher costs associated with moving from development to marketing and selling. John Precious, chairman, said: "As Celsis's products advance towards commercialisation, expenditure has increased on establishing a commercial organisation." Over the past year staff numbers have more than doubled from 34 to 74, of whom 26 work in Celsis's commercial arm. Turnover rose to £302,000 from £79,000.

Shake-up at Jarvis

JARVIS, the troubled property and construction group, has appointed four new directors, including Paris Moayedi as chief executive and Henry Lafferty as finance director. Roger Payton will become non-executive chairman. The new management will subscribe for 2.5 million new shares at 10p, raising £250,000, and will be granted options over a further 2.5 million shares. After first-half losses of £2.98 million, net assets fell to £10 million at June 30 from £16.2 million six months earlier. Net borrowings have risen to £12.9 million.

Receivership for Storm

PETER Storm, the outdoor clothes group, has gone into receivership at the request of the directors. Price Waterhouse, the accountant and management consultant, is now running the company, and will try to sell it as a going concern. Peter Storm has been making outdoor clothes since 1954. They are sold throughout the UK and the rest of the world. The receivership involves the proofing business in Manchester, which trades under the name Stormproofings, the UK manufacturing base in Skegness and the Nottingham companies that distribute the clothes.

Engen slips on oil prices

ENGEN, South Africa's biggest oil company, said net income fell 13 per cent to Rand 416 million (£73 million) from Rand 480 million in the year to the end of August. Engen's profits were hit by a worldwide decrease of about a $1 a barrel in refining margins in the second half of its financial year. Costs grew only 2 per cent in an inflationary environment of around 11 per cent, said Rob Angel, chief executive. The work force had been cut by 15 per cent, with about 500 middle and senior managers taking redundancy. The dividend was maintained at 154 cents per share.

Rexmore raises payout

REXMORE, the supplier of upholstery and timber products, encountered difficult trading conditions in the second quarter but said the normal seasonal increase in activity was under way in the opening weeks of the second half. In the six months to October 1, the company increased pre-tax profits to £838,000 from £688,000 on sales from continuing operations of £15.3 million (£15.1 million). Earnings fell to 4.07p a share from 4.44p, reflecting a higher tax charge, but the interim dividend is increased to 1.3p a share from 1p, payable on January 20. The shares were unchanged at 78p.

WORD-WATCHING

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PADKOS
(c) Food for the journey, provisions, also *padkost*, erroneously *patkoss*, from the Afrikaans *pad* a road + *kos* (Dutch *kost*) food: "No Afrikaner ventures forth on a journey of more than a few miles without his padkos ('food for the road'), and our new friends were seemingly equipped for a fortnight's safari."

PISMO
(a) A large, thick-shelled, edible clam, *Tivella stultorum*, belonging to the family Veneridae and found on the south-west coast of North America. "Five minutes of bare foot beach scratching had uncovered half a sack of four-inch Pismo clams."

RAVIGOTE
(b) A herbal pick-me-up, from the French *ravigoter* to invigorate. "Ravigote, pick-me-up... from the French verb *ravigoter*, to cheer or strengthen. The French give the name of Ravigote to an assemblage of four herbs — tarragon, chervil, chives, burnet — minced small or used as a faggot, and supposed to have a rare faculty of resuscitation."

POONTANG
(c) Sexual intercourse, sex; women collectively, or a woman, regarded as a means of sexual gratification; hence, as an intransitive verb, to copulate. US slang, probably from the French *putain* a prostitute. Richard Condon, *The Manchurian Candidate*, 1959: "Every now and then I think about you coming all the way to Korea from New Jersey to get your first piece of poontang."

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Acquisitions and recovery in markets boost Powerscreen

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

POWERSCREEN International, the construction equipment company based at Dungannon, Northern Ireland, lifted interim profits by 12 per cent, helped by a gradual recovery in its markets and by acquisitions.

In the half year to September 30, profits rose to £14 million from £12.5 million on turnover up to £81 million from £59.4 million. Earnings increased to 12.2p a share from 10.8p and the interim dividend rises to 2.2p a share from 2p, payable on January 30. The shares fell 10p to 285p.

Growth in turnover outpaced the rise in profits, rising 36 per cent. John Craig, chairman, said lower margins were the result of recent acquisitions and exchange-rate movements. The company operated in competitive markets, but was confident of continuing growth supported by aggressive marketing, new products and tight cost control. The net cash position fell to £3.9 million at September 30 from £14.84 million at the end of the last financial year, affected by the acquisition of Benford Ltd, a manufacturer of dumpers and rollers, for £12.9 million in August.


Profits up: Shay McKeown, chief executive of Powerscreen

Swedes abort power deal with Yorkshire

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

YORKSHIRE Electricity's proposed £150 million acquisition of a 17.3 per cent stake in Stockholm Energi, one of Sweden's largest electricity supply companies, has been called off on political grounds.

Compensation has been agreed with the Stockholm municipal authorities which own the Swedish electricity company, although the terms have yet to be ratified by the municipal council which meets on December 6. No details of the compensation arrangements were available.

Stockholm Energi's owners rejected the sale, on which letters of intent were signed in April, after elections in September altered the political make-up of the municipal council.

Sweden's new social democrat government is currently conducting a review of the privatisation programme planned by the centre-right administration ousted last month.

The Yorkshire spokesman said the Stockholm deal was off, but that his company had a "whole host of ideas" for other investment targets. He saw no return to the Swedish deal.

A Stockholm city hall official said the decision to call off the Yorkshire deal meant that the planned flotation of Stockholm Energi would now not go ahead. He was unable to say how much the deal would cost in compensation.

Although the municipal authorities chose to cancel the sale of a minority stake in Stockholm Energi to Yorkshire, they said yesterday that they had decided to go ahead with the planned sale of one of the city's cable television companies to Singapore Telecom. No details were released.

Fleming has trust in resources

PRIVATE investors are being offered a bet on oil and mining shares this week with the launch of the Fleming Natural Resources Investment Trust which is raising £25 million in a public offer after placing the same amount with institutions (Carl Mortished writes).

A sharp upturn in the price of commodities such as aluminium and copper has led to the launch of several commodity trusts. Ian Henderson, fund manager at Robert Fleming, says the outlook for oil prices is good while base metals have much further to go as the world economy grows.

In an unusual twist, the Fleming trust will have a short lifespan with the directors compelled to liquidate the company between July 1997 and December 1999. The aim is to maximise gains in what Fleming believes is the start of a cyclical upturn and get out before the next downturn.

The initial portfolio will have 30 per cent weightings in oil and gas, base metal, and gold mining shares with the remainder in other resource stocks. Minimum investment is £2,000 and investors will receive 1 warrant for every five shares, exercisable at 125p.

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I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Malcolm Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 28 October 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 28 October 1994.
M Cohen, Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF WALL STREET (HAMPSTEAD) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986.
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 2EF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 26th October 1994.
DATED THIS 26TH OCTOBER 1994 Peter S Dunn FCA Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 004981 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF CAVENDISH WATES FIRST ASSURED PLC and- IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 12th October 1994 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £1,425,668 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 18th October 1994.
DATED this 28th day of October 1994.
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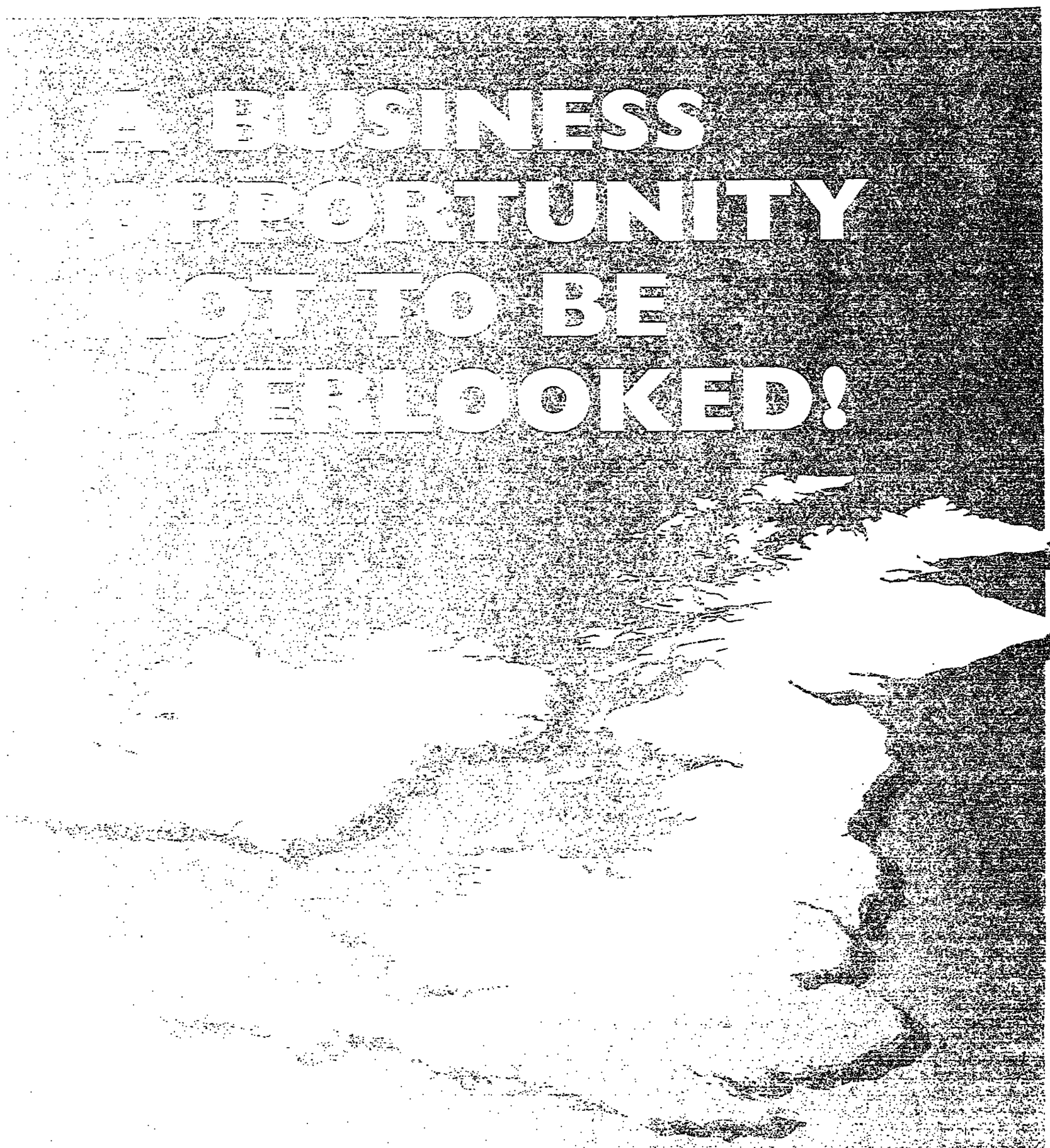
PICKLES. ERIC PICKLES late of Dukinfield, Cheshire died there on 16 May 1993 (Estate about £48,000) The wife of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, (telling which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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POTATO MARKETING BOARD
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ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT MEMBERS 1994
The Potato Marketing Board announces that, in accordance with the provisions of the Potato Marketing Scheme, the following District Members have been elected with effect from 1st November 1994. All these Members will hold office until 31st October 1998.

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5. Central England	C A Strawson
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Ove Arup, the British consultancy of the year, won the award for its work on the Kansai International Airport terminal, which is built on an artificial island at Osaka in Japan

High-flyers show the flag

The success of British consultancies handling foreign construction projects means more contracts for home-based companies. **David Young** reports

On almost every important construction project in the world there is a British consultant at work, bringing back valuable invisible earnings and helping to steer orders for materials, plant and equipment towards British companies.

The importance of the work by British consultancies in the world market was emphasised yesterday by the Duke of Gloucester, who presented this year's awards made by the British Consultants Bureau (BCB) to companies and individuals who have had outstanding successes.

The Duke, who is president of the BCB, said: "I believe that the bureau has played an important part in the great success that British consultants have had in the international market. I have been associated with the bureau for over 15 years and have constantly been impressed by the many ways it helps British consultants win more business overseas."

Last year there were only eight countries in the world where British consultancies were *not* operating. Overall, the consultancies brought in £1.5 billion in overseas earnings. The figures for 1994 are expected to top this.

The work of the consultants is also an indicator of how the world economies are developing, with 41 British consultants in China, 41 in Russia, 40 in Malaysia, 39 in Germany, 37 in Indonesia and 36 in the United Arab Emirates.

In terms of fee income, Asia and the Pacific region accounted for 41.3 per cent of earnings.

Nigel Thompson, chairman of the BCB and a director of the consulting engineers Ove Arup Partnership, said: "More than 40 per cent of member firms' earnings are from overseas, which is far higher than for most manufacturing industries. Consultancy clearly remains a major contributor to Britain's overseas earnings and looks as if it will remain so."

Mr Thompson added that as British consultancies were often the first to be concerned with an overseas project, work frequently flowed to Britain's construction and supply companies. "We estimate that the multiplyer factor of the work which we undertake must be anywhere between ten and 25," he said.

Ove Arup was named yesterday as the consultancy of the year for its work on the Kansai International Airport terminal at Osaka in Japan.

The project, which was overseen for Ove Arup by Philip Dilley, a director, has captured the imagination of the public throughout the world, with its spectacular terminal built on an equally impressive artificial island.

Together, the island and terminal form one of the most extraordinary works of engineering and architecture of all time, though unlike other historical feats of engineering, such as the pyramids or medieval cathedrals which took decades to complete, the Kansai project was completed in six years.

The mile-long terminal is the world's largest building. Apart from the Great Wall of China, it is said to be the only man-made structure visible from space. The task of designing it was awarded to Renzo Piano's Building Workshop, based in Genoa and Paris. However, Signor Piano insisted that Ove Arup must be appointed as his consulting engineers. The two companies had worked together in the past and Signor Piano, who also jointly designed the Pompidou Centre, made it clear to the Japanese authorities that without Ove Arup's expertise the problems faced during the Osaka project could be insurmountable.

This was to be a building, he insisted, where the work of architect and engineer is all but indistinguishable.

The artificial island was created from the rock provided by removing an entire mountain near Osaka bay. It will never be fully stable, but passengers will be reassured to know that, through Ove Arup's expertise, the terminal is supported by hundreds of steel columns sunk into a raft of concrete and that each column can be jacked up or down as the building flexes in response to shifts in the structure of the island. Such movements are constantly monitored by a computer, which controls every aspect of the building's services and structure.

Another bonus for Britain was the realisation that only here could much of the intricate structural steelwork be fabricated. It was supplied by Watson Steel of Bolton. Lancashire, with the raw materials coming from British Steel at a price that the Japanese steel industry could not match.

The Japanese engineers and architects working on the project were also impressed that the complex steel fabrications and forgings arrived from Bolton precisely on schedule and in the correct order, enabling uninterrupted construction work — a fact which has not gone unnoticed and which bodes well for British companies chasing other big contracts in Asia and the Pacific region.

The involvement of Ove Arup in the Kansai project meant that £11 million of work was won by Watson Steel, and a British manufacturer won Japanese approval for the use of its fire-fighting systems, previously not permitted in Japan. This has opened a potentially vast new market for such systems, as many countries in the region adopt the rigorous construction Japanese standards.

As the Duke of Gloucester has pointed out, the great strength of the British consultancy sector is its vast experience and its independence. At the same time it has the ability to provide a market for other British goods and services in international projects.

THE BRITISH CONSULTANTS 1994 AWARDS

HERE are this year's awards presented by the British Consultants Bureau and sponsored by *The Times*.

● **Class 1: British Consultant of the Year 1994**: Shidan Kouchek-Zadeh, of Thorburn Colquhoun, London, for his work on the Conakry water supply project, in Guinea, West Africa. Commended: Mark Bostock, of Arup Economics and Planning, London, for a feasibility study into the hosting of the 2004 Olympic Games by Cape Town.

● **Class 2: British Consultancy Firm of the Year 1994**: Ove Arup Partnership, of London, for its work on structural, building services and fire safety engineering at Kansai International Airport, Osaka, Japan. Very Highly Commended: Mott MacDonald Group, of Cambridge, for its work for the Shanghai Municipal Government, China, on a new water treatment and supply system for the city.

● **Class 3: British Small Consultancy Firm of the Year 1994**: PTRC Education and Research Services, of London, for its work in designing a training programme to support the Mexican medium-size cities urban transport project for the Mexican government.

● **Class 4: Consistent British Consultancy Achievement 1994**: Ove Arup Partnership, of London, for its involvement in civil, industrial and building projects overseas since 1946. Commended: PTRC Education and Research Services, of London, for its work over the past ten years in designing training projects in more than 25 countries for staff in government planning and transportation departments.

Projects that test the best

Award-winning work involves both efficiency and diplomacy

The variety of the environments in which British consultancies have to work and the complex contractual arrangements they have to supervise was well illustrated by many of the entries in this year's British Consultants Bureau awards, including that of the winner of the individual award, Shidan Kouchek-Zadeh.

His company, Thorburn Colquhoun, was first appointed in 1979 by the government of Guinea to supervise the construction of wells, pumping stations and reservoirs to upgrade the water supply system for the rapidly growing capital, Conakry. In 1991, the company was appointed as the lead consultant to supervise the construction of the second phase of the project in a joint venture with Safege of France. This involved the supervision of seven separate contracts awarded to four different foreign firms. The issue was further complicated in that the client for the contracts was the state water company, which was responsible for the investment programme, while a private French company was given responsibility for the management of water treatment and distribution. This decision effectively meant that Thorburn Colquhoun was working for two clients on one project.



Consultant of the year: Shidan Kouchek-Zadeh

Shidan Kouchek-Zadeh, who went to school in Bournemouth, Dorset, and then qualified as a civil engineer at UMIST, was appointed chief resident engineer largely because of his experience on similar projects in Sierra Leone, Ghana and Nigeria. He co-ordinated the work of the funding agencies, the clients and the contractors. All communications were in French and all the contracts carried out under the French legal system.

The contract was completed ahead of schedule, $10 million (about £6 million) below budget, with no claims being made by the contractors and with the completed water treatment plant operating at 25 per cent above its design loading. His success has meant that Thorburn Colquhoun has had its involvement extended to cover three more contracts.

The diversity of the consultancy industry is also illustrated by PTRC Education and Research Services, the company which has won the award for the small consultancy of the year. The company, in association with Steer Davies Gleave, of London, carried out a project financed by loans from the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to help Mexico to develop its public transport in its growing medium-sized cities.

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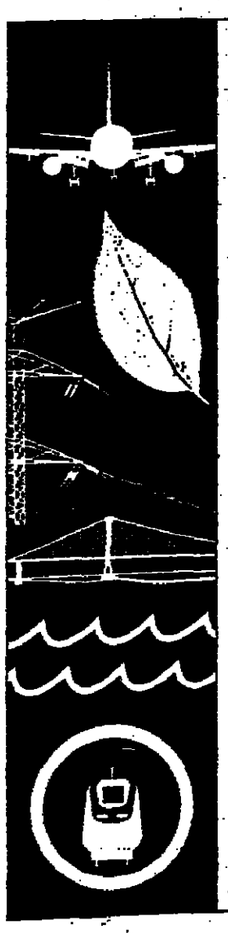
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General	361.80	380.00†	- 0.40	2.73
Property	250.80	268.20		6.02
Tracker	174.10	186.20	- 1.10	2.62
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†		4.68
Extra Income	111.50	119.20†	- 0.30	4.22
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.53	57.38	- 0.14	9.0
Income	140.40	150.10	- 0.40	4.15
Income Builder	60.99	64.89	- 0.08	4.88
Intl Income	61.84	65.78	- 0.38	3.83
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.70	119.70	- 0.30	2.75
Leisure	114.80	122.70	- 0.30	1.44
Recovery	355.70	422.20	- 1.10	2.58
Smlr Cos Inc	40.58	43.56	- 0.05	2.11
Special Sits	285.10	284.60	- 0.90	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	119.30	126.60	- 1.40	0.67
Aust Acc	241.00	256.40	- 4.60	2.15
Aust Inc	149.80	159.40	- 2.90	2.15
Euro Gwth Inc	144.50	153.30	- 0.50	0.75
(Accmr Units)	154.60	164.10	- 0.50	0.75
Japan & Gen Inc	186.80	197.80	- 1.0	
(Accum Units)	189.80	200.10	- 1.0	
Japan Spec Sits	96.24	91.35	- 0.75	
Unv Tech Inc	78.19	83.08	- 0.73	0.32
Worldwide	166.50	176.70	- 1.40	0.71
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
081 658 6002				
American Growth	88.78	94.44	- 0.82	
Asian Smlr Cos	123.50	132.80	+ 0.10	
Cash Trust	93.15	98.15	- 0.02	4.10
Convertibles	94.28	99.59†	- 0.30	5.56
Eastern	283.60	305.80	- 3.60	0.10
Equity Income	84.86	90.27†	- 0.21	4.90
European Growth	261.50	293.00	-	1.00
Europe	249.00	222.90	+ 0.10	0.69
German Growth	99.30	73.76	- 0.38	0.18
Global Bond	69.33	63.57	- 0.14	6.40
Global Growth	122.30	130.50	- 0.90	
Japan Growth	207.20	221.00	- 1.40	
Japan Special	185.60	197.70	+ 0.10	
Korea Trust	86.39	96.23	- 0.42	
Portfolio	127.50	136.70	- 0.50	1.69
Recovery	232.50	249.10	- 0.90	1.08
UK Growth	82.53	87.79	- 0.04	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.67	91.63†	+ 0.03	1.50
Select Managers	72.05	77.16	- 0.25	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3000				
Int Gwth Port Inc	74.52	79.26		
Special Opps Inc	53.81	57.24	- 0.59	
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
071 236 5441				
Special Sits	164.00	175.40	- 1.20	1.50
Dividend	81.61	87.26	+ 0.41	3.80
Int Sits & Inc	206.40	220.70	+ 0.90	3.26
UK & Gen	42.79	45.76	+ 0.10	1.98
Fund of Funds	63.27	67.67†	+ 0.73	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 223 6000				
Balanced Growth	101.99	106.97†	- 1.77	1.78
(Accum Units)	113.63	120.25	- 1.99	1.78
Smaller Cos	99.40	105.18†	- 0.60	1.33
Higher Yield	63.14	66.83	- 0.02	3.95
American Gth Inc	67.68	71.62	- 0.61	
European Growth	100.85	106.47	- 0.39	0.06
(Accum Units)	133.43	141.19	- 0.40	0.06
Gilt and Bond Inc	25.56	26.99	- 0.11	6.52
Mngd Pfolio Inc	48.51	43.17†	- 1.00	1.69
(Accum Units)	41.35	43.79	- 1.01	1.69
Int Sects Opps	114.18	120.82	+ 0.69	0.44
Pacific Gwth	131.34	138.99	- 0.76	
Formerly LAS				
UK General	72.14	77.40	- 1.27	2.69
(Accum Units)	73.00	77.26	- 1.28	2.69
Japan	85.69	89.93	- 0.04	
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.70	94.60	- 0.20	9.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	63.65	64.49	- 0.09	5.61
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5060				
Exempt	149.80	155.20	- 0.10	1.69
UK Growth	158.50	168.60	- 0.20	2.32
UK Income	125.80	133.70†		4.51
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0797 851 122				
Can Eqty Dist	179.50	190.70	- 0.70	2.06
<to- Income Dist	94.50	100.50†	- 0.40	2.06
(Accum Units)	305.10	327.70	- 0.90	4.69
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.58	40.90	- 0.04	6.65
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
081 226 9080 Enq: 081 226 5885 Dlg: 081 226 5862				
American & Gen	143.10	157.20†	- 1.70	
European Inc	75.35	79.81	- 0.26	0.39
Smaller Cos (1-1)	78.90	81.81	+ 0.02	1.92
Growth	398.80	424.30	- 3.50	2.38
Income & Growth	388.10	414.00†	- 1.20	4.01
(Accums Units)	546.80	581.50	- 1.70	4.01
Japan & Gen	76.55	81.27	- 0.12	
Master Portfolio	£100.43	£104.35†	- 53.00	1.98
(Accum Units)	£119.37	£124.05	- 62.00	1.98
Special Sits	91.97	97.85	- 0.96	2.34
High Yield	£12.49	£13.26†	- 29.00	4.59
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
031 226 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	34.15	36.52†	+ 0.05	0.28
Cash Income	99.80	99.80	+ 0.01	4.94
European Gwth	38.36	40.91	- 0.10	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	76.09	77.96	- 0.26	4.44
Intnl Gwth	29.85	31.82	- 0.07	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.45	30.47	- 0.08	
Managed Tst Inc	48.45	49.67	- 0.25	1.02
Oriental Dpps Inc	146.50	155.60	- 2.0	
Property Shares	33.49	37.95	- 2.04	0.95
Select Cos	30.31	32.41†	+ 0.02	1.56
Un Growth Tst	34.67	39.38	- 0.12	2.37
Royal Sovereign Assurance				
Cap Inv Global Inc	79.22	75.10	- 0.43	1.35
Cap Inv UK Inc	65.85	70.51	- 0.31	2.48
Europe (C)	29.84	30.79		1.78
Formerly Bryan Shipley				
Financial	138.00	146.60	- 0.10	1.67
Foundation	87.47	93.55†	- 0.01	2.39
German	49.20	52.37†	- 0.05	
High Income	71.36	76.34	- 0.21	5.77
Magd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.76		1.85
Magd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.97
Monthly Income	78.34	83.78	- 1.77	4.21
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0700				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.24	85.90	- 0.26	2.37
American Portfolio	83.82	89.28	- 0.28	1.24
European Portfolio	91.66	97.60†	- 0.07	0.99
Japanese Portfolio	69.46	72.77	+ 0.05	
Pacific Portfolio	180.84	190.37	- 1.76	0.68
UK Inc & Growth	73.02	78.40†	- 0.10	3.66
Lindby & Bond	53.92	54.45	- 1.89	6.13
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Int Fund	642.30	650.00		4.65
Fxd In Sec	145.75	145.85		9.94
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	93.03	97.05	- 0.27	2.987
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	633.65	641.28		4.76
Accum	£28.59	£28.89		
Inc	118.40	119.87		9.79
(Accum Units)	179.40	179.55		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 637 7667				
Intl Growth	124.57	135.59		
UK Income	102.21	111.87		5.374
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5999				
Bedlam Intl	68.58	72.69†		2.30
Black Blo-Tech	24.09	26.68		
Accm Ethical Tst	145.16	152.66		1.33
City Fin Accum	67.47	71.78†		1.49
City Fin America	76.54	80.68		
City Fin Int	74.27	78.18†		0.50
City Fin Japan	169.30	178.38		
Fin Hse Man Dep	259.84	266.50		1.52
Finsb Hse Inc	198.46	205.63		3.95
Buckley Wrld Gth	130.50	138.83†		0.09
Fleming Cap Gth	136.52	143.70		
<to- Inc & Gth	130.52	137.39		1.61
Fleming Inc	113.40	122.00		4.37
City Fin Pfolio Inc	52.86	56.25		
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 623 8182 Fax: 071 588 1815				
Emerging Markets	55.78	59.18	- 0.73	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
Amer Growth	51.85	55.45	- 0.68	
Allied Mngd Gwth	35.78	38.27	- 0.28	0.36
Dragon Growth	70.00	74.87	- 1.01	0.23
Equity High Inc	78.25	84.41	- 0.37	3.66
(Accum Units)	105.91	113.27	- 0.50	3.65
Eurogrowth Dist	48.23	51.31	- 0.16	0.81
Evergreen	27.77	29.70	- 0.32	
General Equity	79.56	84.17	- 0.26	2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.52	24.74†	- 0.03	8.61
Japan Growth	53.86	57.73	+ 0.02	
Pacific Growth	46.21	51.29	- 0.23	2.87
Pref Snr Cos Inc	29.82	31.75	- 0.18	7.14
(Accum Units)	30.99	32.97	- 0.01	7.14
Retirement Inc #	24.93	26.66	- 0.14	5.46
Special Sits	36.36	38.76	- 0.13	2.01
UK & Overseas	46.67	49.86	- 0.23	1.12
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 838 000				
Capital	63.81	68.24	- 0.25	2.33
Income	57.71	61.72	- 0.22	4.26
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	150.79	160.41†	- 0.35	5.59
Fixed & Convertible	38.32	40.77†	- 0.02	7.69
Monthly Inc Plus	45.26	48.23	- 0.06	6.10
Preference Shars	44.56	47.51†	- 0.07	7.72
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	117.97	125.90†	- 0.27	7.43
Managed Fund	64.58	68.70†	- 0.23	3.07
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.76	40.17	-	1.68
(Accum Units)	43.20	45.96	-	1.68
UK & General	75.03	79.82†	- 0.24	2.48
(Accum Units)	93.50	99.89†	- 0.29	2.40
UK Growth	133.70	142.23	- 0.37	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	188.40	191.81	- 0.72	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	133.30	141.80	- 1.43	
Global Bond	71.87	76.39†	- 0.58	6.83
Japan Growth	126.84	134.94	- 0.58	
North Amer Gth	150.06	159.64	- 1.73	
Oriental Growth	77.02	81.94	- 1.16	
Managed Growth	51.53	55.46	- 0.35	0.06
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.74	91.74†		4.81
Homesaver Fund	74.49	78.24	- 0.28	1.91
Dollar Fund	123.04	130.89	- 0.58	2.99
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.87	59.43	- 0.29	3.00
(Accum Units)	59.74	63.55	- 0.34	3.00
High Income	52.09	54.10†	- 0.12	4.68
Japan	37.05	39.41	- 0.16	
Smaller Cos Inc	29.93	31.83	+ 0.02	2.49
Smaller Cos	31.38	33.38	+ 0.01	2.49
North American	31.93	33.01	- 0.44	0.49
European	35.29	37.51	- 0.11	0.48
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5999				
Consistent UT	29.41	31.56		3.42
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 525 398				
Growth	135.00	143.70†	- 1.70	2.11
Income	68.59	72.97	- 0.17	5.07
European	58.92	62.69	- 0.05	1.83
Recovery	143.00	152.20	- 1.20	2.13
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 253 0494				
Equity Dist	795.30	806.60†		4.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	67.54	71.85†	+ 0.03	1.38
Income #	225.50	239.80†	+ 0.80	4.85
(Accum Units) #	555.26	590.60	- 2.10	4.85
Smaller Cos	143.30	152.40		0.88
(Accum Units)	174.80	185.90	+ 0.10	0.88
Inv Portfolio	75.35	80.40	+ 0.02	1.49
High Inc Pref #	65.65	69.83	- 0.44	4.97
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	214.86	£15.23		
Japan Small Cos	£12.89	£13.15		
UK Small Cos	£17.16	£17.92		
US Small Cos	£15.28	£15.63		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	197.70	208.10		2.88
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2580				
European Gwth	260.30	275.60	- 0.21	1.01
New Asia	214.30	225.00†	- 2.90	
Japan Growth	125.10	133.10†	- 0.60	
Far Smlr Co	126.30	134.20	- 1.80	0.94
Pacific Growth	238.50	252.70	- 1.80	0.36
Select Asia Pac Mt	119.50	126.30	- 1.70	0.38
UK Inc & Gro	262.80	216.40†	- 0.90	2.78
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
0242 577 565				
UK Balanced Inc	135.50	144.20†	- 0.30	1.86
UK High Inc	142.10	151.20†	- 2.80	4.76
(Accum Units)	162.00	193.60†		4.76
UK Pnl & Fl Inc	96.94	96.48	- 0.09	5.57
Evermonde Opps	76.63	84.71	- 0.14	1.11
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	113.10	120.10†	- 2.00	1.46
Convertibles	30.24	31.51	- 0.02	6.97
Equity Income	171.40	179.50	- 0.60	4.09
EmrgFund	42.69	45.56	- 0.01	0.44
Financial	44.23	46.99	- 0.26	1.70
Growth & Inc	202.80	206.70	- 1.10	3.25
High Yield	145.90	154.70†	- 0.40	4.66
International	388.70	413.00	- 2.80	0.12
Int Cap Inc	92.62	98.23†	- 0.61	3.05
Latin American	46.55	48.49	- 0.78	
Pacific	87.69	93.16	- 1.08	
Preference Share	21.31	22.64†	- 0.01	7.29
Tokyo	236.10	256.40	- 1.00	
UK Smaller Cos	213.60	227.00	- 0.10	1.21
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
071 242 0242				
Elore Trust	204.50	214.70	- 3.38	1.13
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 373 7267				
Endurance Fd	192.60	204.80†		0.53
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0256 431 480				
Balanced Tst	75.32	79.26	+ 0.22	1.73
Extra Inc Tst	301.58	317.45	- 1.48	1.67
For Dominion	126.54	135.30	- 0.33	4.76
High Income #	126.54	135.30	- 0.33	4.76
Intl Growth	116.52	122.65	- 0.81	1.35
North American	102.70	108.10	- 1.42	1.29
Portfolio	111.49	117.35†	- 0.24	3.28
Smaller Cos	69.02	72.66		2.30
Special Sits	85.83	90.14	- 0.36	3.43
Tst of Inv Tsts	160.14	168.62	- 0.49	1.48
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5995				
Smaller Cos Inc	202.32	210.80†	- 0.02	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	354.18	368.92†	- 0.04	1.41
Recovery	51.17	53.30	- 0.37	1.22
Recovery Acc	51.28	53.42	- 0.37	1.22
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0392 412 144				
Extra Income	103.30	109.80	- 3.04	6.17
Capital Growth	78.95	85.74†	- 0.06	
Fd of Inv Trsts	44.13	47.07	- 0.16	0.61
High Income #	43.58	46.68†	+ 0.02	9.85
Mngd	56.86	61.61†	- 0.05	
Zero Preference	34.65	36.76	- 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0273 697 707				
Family Asset Tst	72.18	76.78†	- 0.17	2.40
Family Income Tst	46.22	46.22†	- 0.17	5.82
Family Trust	83.58	87.76†		1.14
Unrest Clarkes	251.00	267.80†	+0.100	2.71
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		4.80
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	35.14	36.36	- 0.04	8.09
Intl Bond	28.20	27.20†	- 0.12	5.54
Income Funds				
High Income	24.57	25.86†	- 0.13	5.39
Income Plus	100.00	115.70	- 0.20	3.72
Assc Eq Inc	43.94	46.52†	- 0.06	1.22
European Income	41.05	43.65	- 0.24	2.13
Far East Inc	61.83	65.01	- 0.25	2.34
Global Convertible	22.21	23.70	- 0.02	3.72
UK Div Gwth	23.27	24.75	- 0.01	1.21
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.56	68.96†	- 0.82	
American	224.10	237.60	- 2.40	
Amer Spec Sits	197.70	114.80	- 0.80	
Japan Smaller Cos	41.36	44.76	- 0.09	
European	160.20	170.40†	- 0.50	
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 894 2700				
Balanced #	131.40	134.70†		3.58
Inc Portfo #	83.48	85.02	- 0.37	3.69
Cav Pfolio	140.00	142.80	- 0.90	0.91
Exempt Dists	116.80	118.70†		3.50
Growth Inc	29.83	30.51†	- 0.34	1.74
Private Portfolio	979.00	998.00		1.52
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 291 010				
Inco Foreign & Colonial				
European	198.10	114.30	- 0.10	0.54
Emrg Asian	170.30	182.10†	- 3.00	
Japan Recovery	27.12	32.45†	- 0.25	10.02
Overs Income	97.29	93.04	- 0.50	3.07
UK Growth	105.00	112.30		1.67
UK Income	99.55	106.60†	- 2.20	4.32
US Smaller Cos	275.00	294.10†	- 2.20	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
071 407 5999				
High Inc Equy	46.45	49.41	- 0.10	3.40
<to- Inv Tst Inc	74.32	79.12†	- 0.04	4.17
Ind Growth	68.20	71.97†	- 0.36	1.20
Small Cos Inc	69.21	64.90†	- 0.09	



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Agnes Oaks takes the title role as Giselle gets a thoroughly Twenties updating from ENB

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The new-style Harry Connick Jr leaves some Albert Hall fans happy, others disgruntled



THEATRE: Veteran director Sir Peter Hall on Princes of Denmark past, present and future; plus the latest reviews

Hamlet's Hall of fame

The renamed Gielgud Theatre opens on Friday with *Hamlet*. Will Peter Hall's third attempt be his best? **Alan Franks** reports

Sir Peter Hall's production of *Hamlet* is bound to be a failure. No matter that this is his third professional tilt at it, and that it is therefore the Shakespeare play which he has most often directed. Failure stalks the work as surely as inertia dogs its hero. Success would be a suspect and almost unnatural condition.

His 1965 *Hamlet*, with David Warner in the part, remains among the most famous things he has done, yet when it opened it received just one good notice. In Hall's view the audiences went in, as *Hamlet* audiences always seem to do, expecting both the play and the prince to be something else, and then came out disappointed.

"Of all the plays," says the veteran director, "this is the one that most moves on, as if of its own accord, and the one that most infuriates. It has the capacity both to reflect its own age and to upset. Very few that survive in the collective memory were well received when they were done."

Hall's acknowledgement of perceived inadequacies does not concern the play so much as its successive interpretations. The thrust of his argument is that the best a production can hope for is a kind of deferred triumph, one that only becomes apparent when the next big *Hamlet* fails to be like its predecessor.

Any cynic worthy of the name must be tempted to reply that this is an ingeniously drafted *Hamlet* Directors' Charter, guaranteeing that its members are held to be ahead of their time. Hall is, of course, expecting no such indulgence. "I am simply saying that if you do it honestly and are, as a group, truly responsive to what Shakespeare wrote, you will end up by reflecting your own age in a way that is sometimes too close to be properly appreciated.

"I had no idea, when we were doing the Warner *Hamlet*, that we were in effect doing the 1960s flower-power version, the man of apathy, the student prince, leading up to *les événements* two or three years later. As far as I was concerned, we were just doing the play. Then with Albert Finney [1975 at the National], I also had no idea that we were dealing with quite such ferocious bitterness. This was the previous decade's dream going wrong. Albert was a black, angry Hamlet, carrying round this really terrible weight of crushed hopes. And I think that in that time, in the 1970s, there was a strong sense of expectations unfulfilled."

So what is the new, Stephen Dillane *Hamlet* telling us about our time? Hall replies that he is too close to know. Having seen it at Chichester towards the end of its long pre-London tour, my own guess is that this Hamlet will be considered noteworthy for *not* displaying all sorts of conventionally Hamletic stamps: not being a juvenile lead in need of counselling; not being a romantic hero of potentially tragic stature; not being a professional dissembler or incurable misanthrope.

Whatever else is going on in the mind of Dillane's prince, he seems above all preoccupied with sexuality, his own and others'. Hall had seen Dillane as Prior Walter in *Angels in America*, Tony Kushner's two-part "Aids epic" at the Cottesloe, and been struck by "this extraordinary young man full of febrile black humour and an ability to jump from one subject to another. It was just what I was thinking of when the idea of doing *Hamlet* again had come into my head a week earlier.

"An interesting thing that has come out of the Aids crisis is that we have, I think, started to evaluate our sexuality in the most honest terms since classical times. In the 1960s people were saying 'There is such a thing as homosexuality. Let's recognise it and talk about it and, if you are honest, come out of the closet. But which are you?' Now we are beginning to understand that 'Which are you?' is not really the question. There is an acceptance not only that many more people are bisexual than has been admitted in the past, but also that bisexuality is a perfectly normal condition. There is a real bisexuality in Hamlet, and he has not come to terms with it. To put it crudely, if he could sleep with his mother he would be all right. Shakespeare knew about Freud long before Freud."

However the Dillane marque is assessed in this time of *Hamlets* — two more on the way, from Ralph Fiennes and Simon Russell-Beale — it cannot help but be part of that greater historical consistency, as the work is freshly informed by its encounters with diverse epochs. And that of course is just one more paradox of Shakespeare's most paradoxical text. Just as all the great actors have attempted the role, so Hamlet in his time has played many parts. For Garrick, says Hall, he was humorous, wise and radical; for Kean, "it must have been as though Berlioz had been let loose"; Macready's was historical, preoccupied with the forms of early Victorian court life, and Irving's "pure late Tennyson, very slow and very melancholy. You can hear it on the record."

What of Olivier? A complicated look passes across Hall's face. It is almost a "don't phone us" expression. "Larry would have killed Claudius and worried about it afterwards. No, no, I don't think he was a natural Hamlet. I never saw him do it on stage, although I think it was a great film, wonderfully shot. But to say about *Hamlet*, as Olivier does at the start of the film, that this is a story about a man who could not make up his mind, is absolutely not true."

And so to Gielgud, whose name the former Globe Theatre will carry from today. It could hardly be more appropriate that Hall's *Hamlet* is the Gielgud Theatre's inaugural production, for he was the actor whom Hall, then aged 12, first saw in the part, in the early 1940s in Cambridge. "I saw him again a few years later at the Haymarket, by which time I was more grown-up, or so I thought. John was definitely one of the great romantic Hamlets. He didn't really make you understand the blackness and the anarchy of it all, but he did let you see the sweetness and the suffering of the character. Looking at it now, he too was very much the Hamlet of his time."

Hall Hamlet III — at four hours the uncuttest kind of all — treats it less as a tragedy than as one of the problem plays. No sense of catharsis here; no decorous surgery to have it end on an up; only black joke upon black joke. "I have tried it all ways," says Hall, "and I don't believe that Hamlet returns from England resolved, having heard the sad sweet music of humanity. I believe he comes back genuinely mad.

"One of the most exciting aspects of *Hamlet* is that it is as contradictory as life itself. I sometimes imagine what Shakespeare's contemporary audiences must have made of it. The whole play inhabits a world of uncertainties. For me one of the most exciting things about the way Dillane approaches it is that he asks question upon question. He is not seeking the answers, and still less consistency."

● Hamlet *is in preview at the Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-494 5065), and opens on Friday*

PETER TRIEVNOR



"There is a real bisexuality in Hamlet," says Sir Peter Hall, "and he has not come to terms with it"

Play acting

The Green Parakeet
Greenwich Studio

AFTER enjoying the four short Schnitzler plays that Margarete Forsyth directed here last winter, I ventured to suggest that she look at *Die grüne Kakadu*, a play Schnitzler set in a pub theatre, which of course is what the Greenwich Studio is.

Any critic who does this sort of thing will suffer an attack of nerves when an artistic director goes ahead and puts the play on, since it could turn out to be one of those pieces interesting chiefly to drama critics who want to complete their Schnitzler set.

To my relief and pleasure *The Green Parakeet* is revealed, in Julian Forsyth's crisp translation, as a fascinating 90-minute play, concerned with the overlap of pretence and reality. Schnitzler sets his story on July 14, 1789, in a Paris tavern which the landlord, an actor-manager deprived of his theatre, has converted into a stage where actors pretend to be cut-throats and pimps to divert an audience of jaded aristos. Events get out of hand, a real death occurs, and out in the streets the mob is storming the Bastille.

Katherine Richards has turned the Studio's wide, shallow stage into a wood-panelled dive, sawdust on the floor, wine glasses on barrels. Aristocrats are thinner on the ground than in the original but this is still a cast of 17, with no role-doubling, which is more than twice the average turnout on a fringe stage. Role-doubling would be impossible without wrecking the drama, which in one instance depends on our not being certain if the report of a murder is truthful, or yet another section of entertainment. I was entirely fooled by Steven Elder's excellent performance here — and I trust that my careful phrasing has given nothing away.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Black and white magic

The Idiot
Contact, Manchester

YEVGENY Arye arrived in Israel from Moscow, with the nucleus of what was to become Gesher Theatre, on the eve of the Gulf War, and was met at the airport by men in gas-masks. From this inauspicious beginning Gesher has grown to become one of the most admired and popular theatres in the country, and its arrival in Manchester launches a fortnight of Israeli theatre that will show how vital and various its companies are.

Gesher is Hebrew for "bridge", chosen in part because their early productions were played on a bridge or traverse stage. This is not how they are performing their adaptation of Dostoevsky's mammoth novel, where nothing remotely like its nightmare effects could be achieved except on a proscenium stage. Against a slab of white wall, reversing to show its black face in the second half, the characters stand in a line, move forward but again spread out sideways, like victims manoeuvring for position in front of a firing squad.

The wall is pierced by an asymmetric arch and a narrower opening into which furniture is abruptly thrust from the rear. Fierce vertical lighting outlines the characters when they stand in these openings; footlights packed close together rake the characters in the Pavlovsk scenes, where Prince Mishkin basks uneasily in the sunlight.

The compression of the story into less than three hours is so severe that many nuances of relationship are sacrificed. Generals, daughters, spongers, drunkards, they reel before the Prince's eyes and ours. All the males are obsessed with the beautiful Nastasia (Natalya Voitulevich-Manor), the Prince from pity, the others out of lust. The remaining women are jealous of her attractions or shocked by her sexual abandon, but there is a strong element of cartoonery in the broad and simple strokes to which their natures are reduced.

Everyone except Israel Demidov's Prince. His author created him in simple terms, sweet-tempered, trusting everyone, but Demidov's intent, rapt presence proclaims a rich complexity of character. When Demidov gazes at Nastasia, or at Yevgenya Dodina's love-struck Aglaya, you feel the spell his innocence casts. For images such as this, and the dream-like chiaroscuro of the settings, Arye's vision of the novel will linger in the mind.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL



Stifyn Parri as Emlyn Williams: warm Welsh, iffy French

In the beginning

George
Jermyn Street Theatre, SW1

THE success story so far. *George*, a one-man show with a Welsh *lilt* strongly performed by Stifyn Parri, is a dramatisation of the actor-dramatist Emlyn Williams's autobiography: Part One. *George*, which was Williams's first name, is an account of his modest beginnings: of his scholarship schooldays as the protégé of a fearsome, devoted French mistress; and of his going up to Oxford, where he developed a passion for the theatre and had a gay old 1920s time, on and off.

The two-hour performance stops short of Williams's fame, which really took off when he trod the boards in Edgar Wallace's dramas in the early Thirties, and which doubled as he authored and appeared in *Night Must Fall*. This was followed in 1938 by his best-loved play, *The Corn Is Green* (about a Welsh miner encouraged by a teacher) and, in 1951, by his world-touring solo impersonation of Dickens. This is the stuff of Part Two.

But seeing just *George* is akin to having someone pointing out the rear view of a celebrity who then fails to turn round: the piece ends just where Parri's Williams exits to give his first London performance in 1927.

The writing has considerable merits. The account of the village where Williams thinks "I shall never grow up but I shall lie on the grass for ever" can be like Dylan Thomas toned down: poetic and comic with local colour. However, all the detailing of outstanding school reports and exam results sounds self-regarding. Parri's warm Welshness covers up some overwritten passages, but his French accent is iffy, and the "backstage" set is shoddy: sightlines are bad, the lights fluctuate, and the auditorium's temperature rises high. This recently-opened theatre has improved since my first visit yet, like Williams's story, it is not a total success.

KATE BASSETT

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DANCE WITH CINDERS

THE SUNDAY TIMES
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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

EVERYBODY'S SHAKESPEARE: The international theatre side of the month-long festival begins with Karin Beier's production of **Romeo and Juliet** from the Düsseldorf Schauspielhaus. Athletic, colourful staging but with curious slants of interpretation.
Tonight's **LSO** concert, conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich, opens the musical celebrations. The programme includes Balakirev's *Overture King Lear*, Shostakovich's *Suite from Hamlet*, Op 32a and, fittingly, Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* (repeated tomorrow).
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) R&J Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. LSO 7.30pm

☐ **THE EDITING PROCESS**: Opening night for Meredith Oakes's comedy about the fight for survival in an easy-going publishing house taken over by a conglomerate. Stephen Daldry directs.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 3.30pm. Until Dec 3

RACING DEMON: David Hare's compulsive drama of the Anglican Church returns, again, for a further 12 performances. Richard Eyre directs with Oliver Ford Davies.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. Then Nov 17-22, 7.15pm; mats Nov 19 and 22, 2pm

ELSEWHERE

NEWCASTLE: Nigel Hawthorne directs and stars in **The Clandestine Marriage**, David Garrick's sparkling 18th-century comedy. Start of a brief tour prior to a West End run.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm.
Also on offer in Newcastle, the last week of Dance City's international festival. Highlights include **Laurie Booth and Company's** *Wonderlawn*, the return of the popular Blok and Steel with another acrobatic duet and RJC Dance Theatre's *Shared Testament*.
Playhouse, Haymarket (091-230 5151). Until Sat.

POOLE: Cécile Ousset joins the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** tonight for Schumann's Piano Concerto; the programme opens with Mozart and closes with Debussy's haunting *La Mer*. Matthias Bamert conducts; again tomorrow in Exeter.
Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222). Tonight, 7.30pm

NOTTINGHAM: Neil Bartlett's complex staging of Wilde's **The Picture of Dorian Gray** reaches the end of its tour this month. Striking performances from Maria Aitken, Benedict Bates, Bette Bourne and Tim Pigott-Smith.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0602 419419). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Nov 19, 2.30pm

HIGH WYCOMBE: The **D'Oyly Carte Opera Company**'s new *HMS Pinafore* more than makes up for the disappointment of a depressing *Die Fledermaus*. Strongly cast, sets beautifully designed as 1930s poster-style flats, and all in all very elegant and witty.
Wycombe Swan, St Mary Street (0494 512000). Today, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Until Sat

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Prints of the Barbizon School (071-636 1555) . . **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells (071-306 0055) . . **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) . . **Royal Academy**: The Glory of Venice: the Painted Page (071-439 7438) . . **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) . . **Tate**: Whistler; Clore Gallery (071-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Kalighat: Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930 (071-938 8500) . . **Whitechapel**: Miquel Barcelo (071-522 7888)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **ALICE'S ADVENTURES UNDER GROUND**: Christopher Hampton burrows for the subtext to Lewis Carroll, aided by choreographer/director Martha Clarke. Said to be unsuitable for children under 12.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Nov 8, 7pm.

☐ **COME GOOD RAIN**: Astonishing account by George Seremba, a Ugandan dissident in the time of Obote and Amin who survived execution and tells his story for those who did not.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Final week.

☐ **HAMLET**: Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane, Michael Pennington and Donald Sinden at the renamed Globe Theatre. See feature, page 35
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. Opens Fri, 7pm

☐ **MOSCOW STATIONS**: Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**: Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage; terrific island sets.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm; Sat, 6pm, 8.45pm; mat Wed, 3pm.

☐ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN**: Stephanie Cole as a woman re-assessing her dull marriage on the morning of her son's wedding. Ned Sherrin directs Kay Mellor's new play. With Neil Morrissey, James Gaddas and Alfred Lynch.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Now previewing, 8pm

☐ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE**: Patricia Hodge plays the inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher in a revival of an old favourite. Alan Strachan directs.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE SEVEN STREAMS OF THE RIVER OTA**: Robert Lepage's latest work in progress, the first three parts of a young woman's journey through the 20th century, from Prague to Hiroshima. Still a bit unfinished at the edges but packed with vivid imagery.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-741 2255). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Final week.

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG**: Greenwich Theatre's production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

◩ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille play the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (071-369 1736). Now previewing, 8pm

☐ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE**: David Suchet shows off well as he mugs and flounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ *Copacabana*: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) . . ◩ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (071-494 5070) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . ◩ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BROWNING VERSION (15): Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney as the classics teacher facing retirement. With Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine and Julian Sands. Director, Mike Figgis.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

FEAR OF A BLACK HAT (18): Juvenile rap music spoof that runs out of jokes and steam. Rusty Cundieff writes, directs and co-stars.
Electric (071-792 2020) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **MAJOR LEAGUE II** (PG): Unwanted, dull sequel to the baseball comedy hit. With Tom Berenger and Charlie Sheen, director, David S. Ward.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

RAPA NUI (12): Exotic adventure filmed on Easter Island. Foolish but fun with Jason Scott Lee and Esai Morales.
Plaza (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. *The best Jack Ryan adventure so far.*
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro. Director, Joel Schumacher.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

L'ENFER (15): Jealousy rages in a provincial hotel. Uneven thriller from Claude Chabrol, with Emmanuelle Béart and François Cluzet.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. *Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.*
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive, spirited vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey.
MGMs: Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

ORPHEE: Jean Cocteau's mesmerising retelling of the Orpheus legend, revived in a new print.
NFT (071-928 3232)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
Gate (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Ave** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THREESOME (18): Shallow but smart college comedy with good quips and attractive performances. Andrew Fleming directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

TRUE LIES (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

DANCE: **Debra Craine** reviews English National Ballet's updated version of a famous classic

There's life in the old ghost yet

It may be the jewel in the Romantic crown, but *Giselle* is far from sacred. Other contemporary choreographers have dared to tinker with its 150-year-old trappings before now. Dance Theatre of Harlem famously set its all-black *Giselle* in the Creole society of pre-Civil War Louisiana; Mats Ek sent his mentally disturbed heroine to a lunatic asylum.

Giselle
Palace Theatre,
Manchester

For English National Ballet's new production, artistic director Derek Deane and his designer Charles Cusick-Smith have set the work in 1920s Austria.

The medieval Rhineland village of traditional stagings here becomes a luxury 20th-century hotel resort nestled among the snowy Austrian peaks. Giselle is a chambermaid, her mother is the housekeeper and Count Albrecht and his friends from court have retreated to the mountains to indulge in a little hunting and skiing.

With this as its starting point, the narrative has no trouble following its original course. The divisions of class so vital to the storyline are effectively maintained in the updated love affair between Albrecht and Giselle; even Albrecht's arrival in a grey vintage Rolls-Royce (in the boot of which is hidden his damning ceremonial sword) fails to jar.

In fact, what is surprising is just how conventional this *Giselle* feels. Deane has not interfered with the ballet's spirit, or even with the accepted Coralli/Perrot choreography, for that matter. His stage directions do indeed heighten the drama, and having the pas de six danced by maids and bellhops adds a perfect touch.

For his part, Cusick-Smith understands that his brief as designer is to enhance the action, not dominate it as is the fashion these days. His *Giselle* is extremely tasteful and well-proportioned, the colours warm yet subtle, the costumes elegant and flattering.

A timbered ski lodge, somewhere between a gingerbread house and an elaborate cuckoo clock, is the jolly focal point for the naturalistic first half; a Gothic horror forest, with gnarled tree-trunks and branches like living tentacles, provides a spooky backdrop to Act II's supernatural grave scene. The Wilis, with their whitened faces and black sunken eyes, are more Bride of Dracula than poetic avengers.

Monday's opening-night cast did ENB proud, despite an under-powered reading of the Adam score by Carl Davis in the pit. Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur are both ideally suited to the leading roles, both beautifully schooled in the nuances of the soft Romantic style. A noble Edur struck the right balance between ardent lover and arrogant playboy; the realisation that his deception (he is betrothed to another) has cost Giselle her life is encapsulated in a single striking moment. Perhaps in the belief that all great Giselles are brunettes, Oaks has dyed her blonde hair, a good-luck charm that seemed to spur her on to a breathtaking performance, especially in the second act when her radiant, voluptuous ethereality wafted across the stage like an elusive cloud.

DEE CONWAY



Twenties spirits: Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur as Giselle and Albrecht in Derek Deane's new production

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LONDON CONCERTS: Revelatory Beethoven; and a Russian singer in superlative form

Like no other conductor

Philharmonia/ Harnoncourt
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CONTINUING his cycle of Beethoven symphonies with the Second and Seventh on Monday, Nikolaus Harnoncourt drew electrifying performances from the Philharmonia that exhilarated the players no less than the audience. Harnoncourt's highly personal conducting style was evident from the opening bars of the Second. Fixing his players with a demonic stare, he launched into the first chords with a sudden physical jerk that suggested he might have been struck by lightning. Certainly it galvanised this orchestra into playing Beethoven as they play him for no other conductor.

To begin with, the sound produced from their modern instruments approaches what might be expected from a period band: the strings are lean and sparing with vibrato (the long sustained As in the Trio of the Seventh were positively eerie), the winds clean and sharply etched (wonderfully rasping bassoons and horns at the start of the Seventh's finale), the whole invigoratingly alive.

Harnoncourt's idiosyncrasies, often remarked upon, usually adversely, seemed almost entirely positive characteristics in these performances. The extremity of the dynamic contrasts, for example, raised a few eyebrows, but they invariably convinced because they merely highlighted the volatility of the composer's moods. Nor, at least to ears attuned to the speedy tempi of the present generation (Norrington, Gardiner), did there seem anything exceptional in that department.

There were, however, two movements (the Second's Scherzo and Finale) where the players, for all their valiant efforts, could not quite realise Harnoncourt's intentions. That both movements seemed a bit of a scramble was not due, I think, to insufficient rehearsal; indeed, there was plenty of evidence of careful preparation. Rather, it seemed due to the problem of articulating at speed in historical style on modern instruments. The other miscalculation was Harnoncourt's failure to tame the two trumpets, who for large sections of the Seventh drew distracting and almost comic attention to the two or three notes Beethoven gives them to play.

These were the only blots on performances as revealing as they were thrilling. Harnoncourt's decision to work with a mainstream symphony orchestra is paying handsome dividends in this cycle (which continues next Monday with the Fourth and Fifth). For players and patrons alike, things may never be quite the same again.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Rising star of the east

Olga Borodina
Wigmore Hall/Radio 3

A RUSSIAN friend who accompanied me to *Prince Igor* at Covent Garden and *Eugene Onegin* at Glyndebourne found the language of the non-native singers so garbled it was barely comprehensible. If this is the case with some of the best coaching and the best *will in the world, what hope* for Russian song in the recital room? Add to that a still ubiquitous musical Austro-German hegemony, and it is no wonder that a full evening of Tchaikovsky songs, such as Olga Borodina gave us last week, is a rare treat indeed.

Borodina is a leading young member of the Maryinsky-Kirov company in St Petersburg, whose London concert series, devised by Valery Gergiev, will continue to open British ears and give Russian artists plentiful exposure here until next June. To listen to her impeccably schooled mezzo-soprano is like watching a painter with the finest sable brushes.

There is pleasure for the senses from the very first brush stroke. "My Guiding Spirit", written by the 14-year-old Tchaikovsky, was by no means warming up material: the "immaterial shade" was present in imagination and half-voice from the first intake of breath. The pianist, Semion Skigin, conjured a tempest of an introduction for the deceptively named "Reconciliation". Both he and Borodina knew that Tchaikovsky was hearing the unresolved flux of emotions beneath the reassurances of the poem, and it was thrilling to hear Borodina's voice tracking them in the song's storm of dynamic and tempo changes.

There are times when Borodina's assurance tempts her to glide luxuriantly on the floodtide of her own vocal skills. This can blunt the edge of pain in a song such as "None But The Lonely Heart": the waif-like character of Goethe's poem became more of a world-weary sophisticate. Similarly, Borodina tended to warm herself overlong in the piano's sunlight for "The First Meeting", when the vocal writing implies fiercer ardour.

But it is only because Borodina offers so much that one expects so much. She is, after all, not yet 30. Her last three songs, written by Tchaikovsky at the same time as the Sixth Symphony, confirmed her stature as a musician: "Again, As Before, I Am Alone" was sung as if from outside the body, and ended with the same numb shudder.

HILARY FINCH

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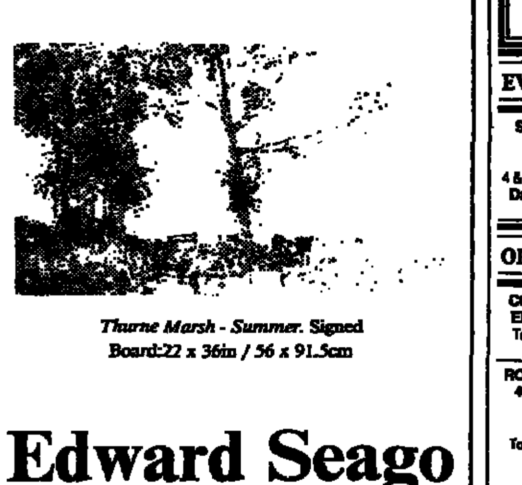
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Ready to let her modesty blaze

After decades as pop's most shrinking violet, Carly Simon is, she says, finally letting it all hang out. **Alan Jackson** finds out why

Carly Simon, pop goddess, is a concept that has been promoted down the years by a playful series of album sleeves featuring the Simon legs, lips, hair and décolletage. Outside the photographer's studio though, she has shown little appetite for the rock'n'roll lifestyle.

There have been occasional lapses into the spotlight — "You're So Vain", her biggest hit, certainly kept the curious guessing. Was Mick Jagger (who sang back-up vocals on it) the egotistical lover addressed within its enigmatic lyric, or Warren Beatty? And a first marriage to fellow singer-songwriter James Taylor set flashbulbs exploding back in the days when liberal politics and acoustic guitars were thought sexy by American taste-makers. But, those apart, she has lived a particularly private kind of public life.

Records have been released, some of them selling spectacularly well, others not so well. A long-standing problem with stagefright has mainly kept her out of concert halls, while an assiduous commitment to a number of noble social causes — including the American Red Cross, the Association to Benefit Children with Aids, and *Mothers Against Drunk Driving* — has kept her in the society columns and the offices of politicians and public officials.

And, with the raising of her children Sally, 20, and Ben, 17, taking precedence over everything, it has been easy to forget exactly what it was that first made her famous.

What made her famous are a beautifully mellow alto voice and a sharply observant writing style, both well to the fore on *Letters Never Sent*, released next Monday and her first recorded work in four years. For Simon, now 49, it is a triumph, being less shaped by commercial constraints than anything else in her recent career.

There is not even a siren pose on the sleeve. "I see those old covers in the most positive light," she says, tall, calm and elegant amid the friendly clutter of her Manhattan apartment. "I've always enjoyed playing with my image, dressing up the way a child would in her mother's high heels and an old fox fur. There's an erotic element, but it's not important. It's me playing in front of a camera, pretending to be something I'm not."

However, not even photogenic looks can protect an artist from career troughs. Simon's nadir came in 1985, when yuppie values and electro-pop were prevalent and her long-time contract with Elektra ended. That year she released the somewhat self-destructively titled *Spoiled Girl* for Epic, her only album not to chart in America. She

> "I'm going to make myself walk out on to those stages. If I faint or throw up or even die, then so be it"

was unceremoniously dropped by that label also as a result, and her then manager Tommy Mottola — now president of Sony Music and husband of Mariah Carey — laid it on the line. "He said that no one else would take me other than Clive Davis at Arista, and that even then it would have to be for no money upfront and with the proviso that Clive had total control over the material I recorded. But finding my options so reduced made me act out of fear.

"There I was, close to 40 and with a lot of my old songs still on the radio and yet — according to my manager — with no one wanting me. I thought it was the end, that I could easily go the way of X, Y and Z and never be heard of again. I didn't want to be without a record deal, but my only way forward was with a man who once said that I was a singer, not a writer, and should only be doing other people's songs. Because I was in a corner though, I agreed, I signed."

As a result — and despite being reduced to tears "many, many times" by the autocratic Davis, mastermind behind the launch of Whitney Houston and the renaissance in fortunes of both Aretha Franklin and Dionne Warwick — she found herself back on the world charts the following year.

The recording of *Coming Around Again* was a fraught business, with Simon and her new boss repeatedly locking horns in the studio. "Largely because he made me record this Bryan Adams song, and worse still brought him along to tell me how to phrase it. Now obviously that was embarrassing for Bryan, but it was just a tremendously demeaning experience for me, one of the low points of my artistic life."

Her revenge was the album's hit title track, the theme to the Nora Ephron film *Heartburn* and archetypal Simon — a tale of grown-up angst that was subtle, seductive and, most satisfying of all, self-written. "There's still a lot of struggle, but also much that's positive," she says now of her relationship with Davis. "I think he now respects who I am and is no longer trying to shape me into someone else."

The time at Arista has been punctuated by her Oscar-winning soundtrack to a second Ephron film, *Working Girl*, plus a collection of standards. On *Letters Never Sent*, though, she returns to her natural territory of sophisticated folk-pop with a loosely conceptual set that deals with key relationships in her past. Various famous friends happened by the studio to help in its making, among them Rosanne Cash, Taj Mahal, Marc Cohn and Dave Stewart. Meanwhile, the appearance of son Ben on "Time Works On All The Wild Young Men" is likely to have label bosses everywhere reaching for their chequebooks — his voice is pure, strong and resonant, a carbon copy of that of his father, the one-time sweet baby James.

"It's very hard to be humble and proud at the same time, but I'm trying," she says of the record. "Yes, I think it's the best one I've ever made, but, also yes, I'm scared about how it's going to be received."

Still, recent events in her life have made her determined no longer to be circumscribed by fear. During the album's recording and within the space of a few weeks, there occurred the deaths of both her mother Andrea, with whom she had a protractedly difficult relationship, and of her close friend Jacqueline Onassis. *Letters Never Sent* is dedicated to the two women and contains songs written directly for each, and out of respect for them she has resolved to overcome her stagefright and promote it with her first concert tour in almost 20 years.

"It's not because I've conquered that fear, but in spite of it," she says. "If I faint or throw up or even die, then so be it. But as this is the most personal of a sea of personal albums I've made I'm going to honour the fact by making myself walk out on to those stages and let it all hang out, just as I did on the record itself."

The decision comes at a good time for Simon, professionally, personally and even politically. She has married again, but maintains a separate New York address to advertising industry executive and aspiring novelist Jim Hart. And among the summer guests at her second home on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, were Bill and Hillary Clinton. "Would I say I'm happy in my life? I think the answer would have to be yes."

● *Letters Never Sent is on Arista*



With a new album out next week, and her life looking good, Carly Simon is ready to tackle the big one — performing in public

Keaton enters the jazz age

Bill Frisell tells **Clive Davis** about his most unusual gig — adding hot licks to classic silent comedies



Guitarist Bill Frisell comes face to poster with Buster Keaton

The irony of it is that Bill Frisell was once an uncompromising purist. Twenty or more years ago, at a time when rock rhythms threatened to smother the life out of jazz, the young Frisell turned his back on anything more contemporary than bop. Today, acknowledged as one of the most distinctive of modern guitarists, he takes his inspiration from all manner of sources: Prince rubs shoulders with Charles Ives, John Coltrane with Prince.

Now comes the turn of an even more unlikely figure — Buster Keaton, whose films form the backdrop to Frisell's new album *Go West*. The combination of ambient guitar and slapstick comedy can be experienced at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight, when Frisell's trio — with Kermit Driscoll on bass and Joey Baron on drums — plays music to accompany the screening of four Keaton films: *Go West*, *Sherlock Jr*, *The High Sign* and *One Week*. The soundtrack album is issued by Elektra Nonesuch on November 28.

Given Frisell's long association with saxophonist John Zorn, the downtown anarchist cum post-modernist who specialises in jagged, cut-and-paste tributes to the likes of Mickey Spillane and spaghetti western composer Ennio Morricone, this latest venture should not come as a complete surprise. The idea first took shape last year when a Brooklyn arts centre approached Frisell with the idea of providing music for a screening of Keaton films. His treatment was received so favourably that he was invited back in February for a performance of three more shorts.

As he explains, the business of writing for cinema was something of a hit-and-miss affair: "It was a long process. I didn't know which films to do at first, so I got hold of a lot of videos. After watching them, a few ideas began to surface, then I let go of them and wrote a lot of music without even thinking about the films. Then I went back to the films, watched them with all this different music in front of me, and placed the melodies with different sections."

Although the initial structure may have been haphazard, Frisell was adamant about one thing: he had to break away from the conventions of silent movie piano accompaniment. When he watched the films he made a point of switching off the volume in order to concentrate entirely on the images on the screen. Avoiding the superficial, his densely textured, slow-motion improvisation complements Keaton's bittersweet mood.

The QEH concert is part of a European tour. "Europe is where I find my prime audience — I don't know what I'd do without that," he says. "Part of it, I think, is the general level of awareness of the public there; they're not yet as conditioned to watching MTV all the time."

It was Manfred Eicher's label ECM — home to Keith Jarrett and Jan Garbarek — that gave Frisell his first real opportunity for self-expression, back in the early 1980s. Frisell worked as a sideman for the company's leading artists, and eventually made a number of albums under his own name (*Lookout for Hope* was a particular critical favourite). As for Frisell's eclectic tastes, those were partly a throwback to his years at a racially integrated high school in Colorado, where he and his friends listened to the full spectrum of R&B and pop. After his brief phase of jazz purism he threw himself back into the maelstrom in the early 1970s, rediscovering his affinity with Jimi Hendrix.

With so many styles — from country to free jazz — at his disposal, and with his tendency to introspection, Frisell is often described as "a technician". The truth, he says, is that his spare, elliptical delivery developed as a response to what he regarded as his own lack of technique. Years ago, listening to the ostentatious virtuoso solos of John McLaughlin, he was oppressed by a sense of his own inadequacy.

"After some time I tried to imply what I couldn't do physically on the instrument. Instead of playing 25 notes I'd make a gesture of playing five. If I look back on my favourite musicians, they're all individuals who built around something that they didn't have.

"I've heard the stories about how Miles, when he was young, tried to play like Dizzy. But if he could have played like that we might not have had a Miles at all."

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POPULAR MUSIC: Harry Connick Jr throws his image out the window

Play that funky music, white boy

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If only Sinatra could see him now: Harry Connick Jr gets down and dirty

Harry Connick Jr
Albert Hall

WHEN he first burst, apparently fully formed, upon the music scene in his late teens, Harry Connick Jr attracted slightly grudging praise from the jazz press. "The Boy Wonder from New Orleans" was, most observers agreed, phenomenally talented: he could play the piano like Erroll Garner, with a dash of Thelonious Monk and Professor Longhair; he could sing like Frank Sinatra; he was charismatic, serious and knowledgeable about the music. He was also charming, good-looking and modest. If, by possessing these advantages, he had deprived more deserving souls of them, he could not have attracted more suspicion.

Not that this bothered his fans, who flocked to his concerts, marvelled at his pianistic talent, and swooned at his crooning. Soon, even the jazz press was won over by his stunning Big Band concerts, and had to admit that he was that rare phenomenon: a true jazz talent who was also a natural entertainer with mass appeal.

On his latest British tour, however, now coming to a climax in three Albert Hall concerts, there are definite signs that sections of Connick's audience are less than happy with his latest metamorphosis. One disgruntled punter put it succinctly: she had come to see Sinatra, she said, and had been given Mötörhead.

Certainly, anyone hoping for a brisk trot through Connick's *When Harry Met Sally* routine would have been surprised — even outraged — at his urging them at the concert's outset to "check out some funky music from the Crescent City", and by the relentless power and volume of what followed.

But those who had listened to, and appreciated, his latest album, *She* — the majority, that is — stayed and exhibited all the signs of a rock audience enjoying itself: they clapped on the beat, emited the occasion whoop, boogied in the boxes and complained about the price of the souvenir programmes.

Listened to dispassionately, though, Connick's latest offering, and its live performance, is merely another manifestation of his deep and sincere interest in all aspects of New Orleans music, which now embraces everything from the most traditional jazz through barrelhouse piano to the most eclectic funk and rock.

The jazz was represented not only in a yearning version of "St James Infirmary", where Connick was joined by the sure-footed muted trumpet of Leroy Jones and the hauntingly lovely trombone of Lucien Barbarin, but also by a grand-standing solo piano version of "Sweet Georgia Brown".

The funk, admittedly, did dominate the proceedings, but if it was less than wholly successful the acoustics of the Albert Hall — never overly hospitable to amplified sound — must bare the blame, and not the slick, tight band.

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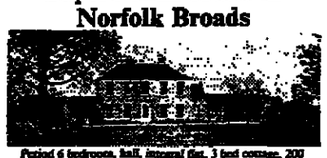
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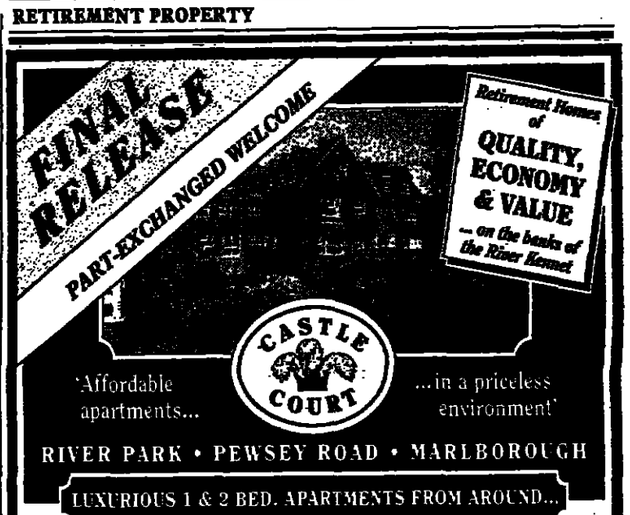
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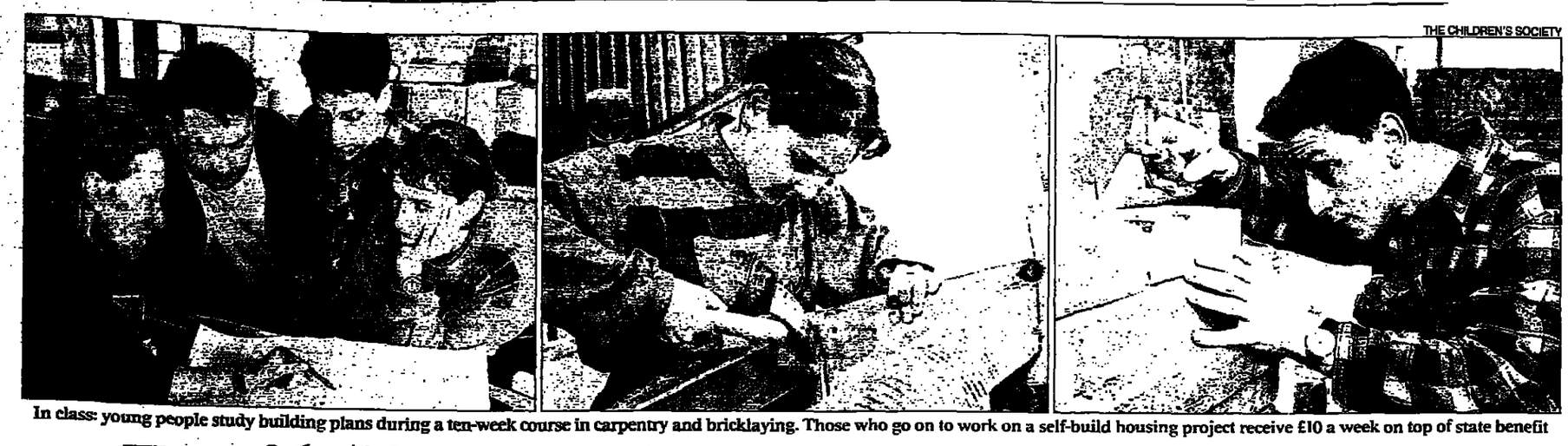
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Mary Wilson on how self-build projects can help unemployed people to find their place in society



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

In class: young people study building plans during a ten-week course in carpentry and bricklaying. Those who go on to work on a self-build housing project receive £10 a week on top of state benefit

Building a home and a future

More than 25,000 people a year are now said to build their own homes, an indication of how the self-build bandwagon is rolling on.

In the past it was usually only the rich who could afford the luxury of designing their own home and paying a builder to build it for them. Groups of tradesmen would also get together to build their own homes and save labour costs.

Today, however, self-building need not be the dream only of the DIY handyman and well off. According to the Children's Society, "Young people in housing need should be given more support in building their own homes."

Community self-build is different. It offers the chance to groups of people to come together with financial and professional support to design and build their own homes in their own community, while receiving training.

Now, the Community Self-Build Agency (071-415 7092) has been set up to offer information and advice. Christine Holman, co-author of the recently published *Making Community Self-Build Happen*, says: "Since 1986, in the North of England alone, at least 24 groups have come together to give people the chance to build their own home."

The first scheme, five years ago, was undertaken by a group of 12 unemployed Afro-Caribbean young men who built a block of flats for their own occupation. By the time the project was finished, all but one was working full-time.

Another scheme is in Maltby, South Yorkshire, co-ordinated by the Children's Society. Nine young people, seven men and two women, between the ages of 19 and 30, started building their homes in August and when they have finished, they will be able to rent the homes with a secure tenancy. If they decide in the future to move on, they will be paid a lump sum for their hard labour.

The Maltby Rainbow Youth Self-Build Project was aimed at unemployed men and women with housing problems — overcrowding, not getting on with family or a short-term tenancy. Initially, it received interest only from young men, so it had to be readvertised, specifically targeting women.

The chosen group is building a terrace of five two-bedroom houses and four one-bedders on an infill site at an existing housing estate in Maltby, a mining town with high unemployment.

Designed to fit in with the existing terraces, the houses will have higher standards, with greater energy efficiency and modern appliances.

The scheme is funded by the Yorkshire Metropolitan Housing Association, which has raised half the money from its own banks and half from the Housing Corporation. It secured the land and planning permission before looking for the candidates.

The young self-builders have been given a ten-week training course in brickwork and joinery and while they build receive £10 a week on top of state benefit. It is hoped that by the time they have finished the project in 18 months' time, they will each pass NVQ Level 2 in their chosen skill.

Other funding has come through sponsorship from suppliers. The Yorkshire Metropolitan Housing Association will recoup its mortgage payments through the rents paid.

Dave Rawnsley, a development manager for the project, is happy to do more than simply help people in housing need. "The project means that we can put something broader back into the community than just bricks and mortar," he says.

"It is a lot harder to do it this way than by using a general building contractor, but we get more out of it because we are giving young people a chance to have satisfaction in what they are doing and to improve their skills. If the right opportunity were presented to us again, we would be more than happy to back a similar project."

Lucy Nelson, the architect and co-ordinator of the project, says: "The nine young builders are doing everything except the electrics, which we will contract out. I have an enormous amount of confidence in them. There is a lot of learning to be done — not only in their job skills, but in working with others, learning to organise themselves and getting used to being in a situation where they have control over what happens.

JUSTIN SLEE



On site: two girls learn the humble but important job of feeding the voracious cement-mixer

"Once the project is finished, we hope they will be able to get jobs, but not necessarily in the building trade. This experience should be a springboard to what they want to do, a confidence-building exercise."

Nathan Turner-Scott, who is 19 years old, is one of the nine participants. "I got involved because I needed somewhere to live," he says. "I had been staying at my girlfriend's house for 18 months. I am a joiner by trade but I was unemployed for six months and I chose to train under the scheme to be a brickie, so I would have two strings to my bow. I am really enjoying it. Everybody gets on tremendously.

"Not coming from Maltby — I live nearby in Dinnington — I didn't know anyone before. So it has given me a chance to make new friends, too. I am looking forward to living in a house I have built, and it will be like our own little community."

Lettings market rockets

Foreigners and property shortage boost city rents

THE LETTINGS market in London is suffering from the same problem as the housing market: a shortage of good property. Demand for top-quality property outstrips supply and rental charges are rising by up to 20 per cent a year in some parts of Mayfair and only slightly less in Chelsea, says Knight, Frank & Rutley.

The agent says that a growing demand is coming from people arriving in Britain from other European countries, America and the Middle East and forecasts an Indian summer for landlords as the number of properties to rent has fallen by 35 per cent in the past quarter.

The biggest shortage is in four- and five-bedroom houses and flats. In Mayfair, the number of top quality two-bedroom flats at rents of between £400 and £600 a week is down by 30 per cent.

Robert Orr-Ewing, the head of Knight, Frank & Rutley's lettings department in Chelsea, says: "There was a glut of rental property during the height of the recession as both developers and owners of individual properties decided to rent rather than sell at a low price. As the market has picked up in the past year, more and more of these properties have been sold, and there has been insufficient quality property to replace them."

Other agents tell the same story. Savills says it has a high demand for properties to let from companies and foreign banks. Strutt & Parker says that demand is greater than supply for most types of property.

Beauchamp Estates adds that it has had many inquiries from Russians — on top of its usual international clients — looking for a London base while they set up businesses.

Serena Brown, manager of Winkworth Central Lettings, says: "Applicants are far more flexible than they once were." Now Hammersmith, Notting Hill, Islington and Fulham, all with good Tube links, are becoming more popular.

JON MACGOWAN

Just pack a toothbrush

Builders are copying an American idea of selling houses fully furnished



McLean Homes is offering furnished new homes such as this showhouse

The American idea of selling homes ready furnished is being embraced by some British builders as a value-added sales incentive. Since July, David McLean Homes of Flint in North Wales has been piloting the idea at four of its sites in South Wales and the South West to test buyer response. The scheme worked so well that the company plans to extend the scheme to all 20 of its sites.

Alan Llewellin, the sales manager, says: "It started helping sales in the first two weeks that we used it. It won't appeal to everyone but it helps people who have a deposit but no furniture for a property. Because the furniture is included, it goes on the mortgage, which means that you can move in without the hassle of buying these things.

"In America, selling houses is a different concept. People buy the whole package: a house is furnished from top to bottom and you just walk in. You buy lots of land, ask a builder to build what you want and the furniture comes with it. We're doing it as a helping hand to first-time buyers."

Customers can choose the colours of carpets, curtains and a three-piece suite from two ranges, one for a two-bedroom house and one for a three-bedroom version, selling for between £50,000 and £60,000. They get a dining table and four chairs, a cocktail cabinet and display cabinet, a nest of tables, a coffee table, beds and wardrobes, bedside cabinets and a chest of drawers which come in a choice of grey or white ash.

Shirley Clarke, a sales executive, has been observing the scheme at the company's site at Pontychun, Mid-Glamorgan. "It's ideal for someone who's getting divorced," she says. "I've just sold one house to a man who has sold his house fully furnished to someone who wants to let it."

The package is organised for the company by Allied Contracts, which provides a similar service for other builders, including Stamford Homes, Beazer (Yorkshire), Falcon Homes, and Bailey Homes. Barratt offers a similar scheme in South Wales and is thinking of introducing a starter package as an optional extra at its Water's Edge development of 96 one and two bed apartments on the River Avon in Bristol city centre.

Barratt's supplier is High Quality Contracts of Wetherby, Yorkshire, founded 12 years ago by John Yates who brought the idea back from the United States.

The company sells direct to builders such as George Wimpey, Persimmon Homes and Wilson Homes, sometimes supplying only carpets and curtains.

Trevor Charlesworth, the sales director, says: "We began by doing a first-time buyer's package, but last year we started providing a £2,500 co-ordinated designer package of carpets, curtains, furniture and kitchenware so you could move in with just a toothbrush.

"We are bulk-buying to try to keep prices low. We subcontract local carpet and curtain fitters throughout the country and deliver to them. The furniture arrives at the house the following day so it can be put in position.

"We're looking to American ideas because this country always follows what they do, even if it is a few years' behind them. The idea is growing because it's a good incentive for builders to use without paying a fortune."

CHRISTINE WEBB

Council tax cuts for thousands

A case could mean savings for people in mixed-use premises

A reduction in council tax bills for thousands of people with mixed residential and business premises could be on the cards after a landmark case. The Salvation Army has successfully appealed against the council tax banding of a caretaker's flat in its five-storey offices in Queen Victoria Street, central London.

Surveyors argued that the offices would be worth the same with or without the flat, which could be reached only through the business part of the property. Because the flat was worthless, they suggested a nominal valution of £35,000 for the flat, which put it in band A rather than band G, reducing the council tax bill from £690 to £275 a year. The case has implications for pub-owners, farmers, people living in residential public schools and others with mixed residential and business premises where the living quarters can be reached only via the business part of the property.

Charles Partridge, of Herring Baker Harris, which represented the Salvation Army, says the case means that other people can appeal against their banding.

The opportunities for cutting tax bills would be greatest in areas where residential prices are high and where the property had therefore been put in a high tax banding.

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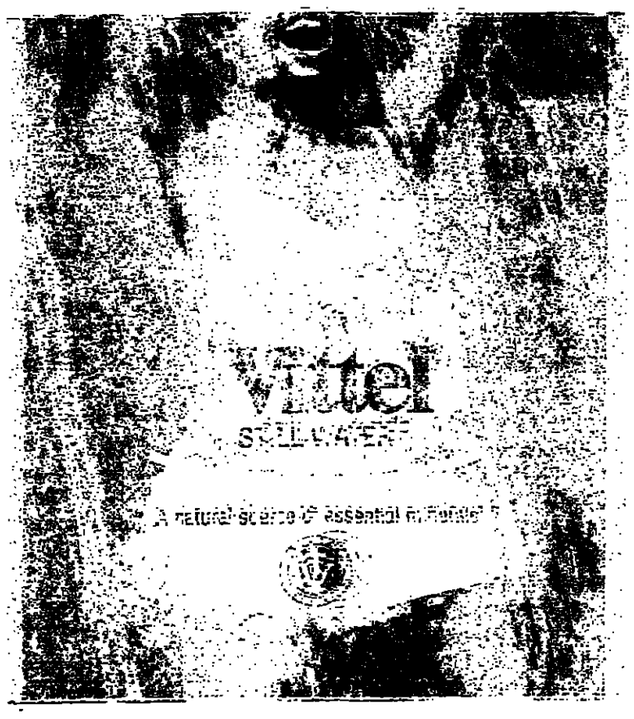
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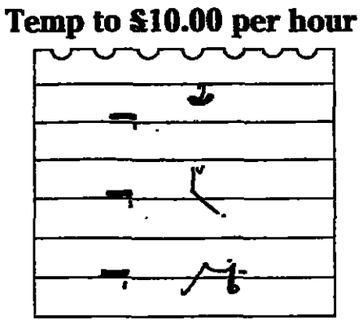
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I want to look different, please

Have you often dreamt of a new image? We took a volunteer, Clare Creagh-Osborne, to Irene Nathan, an image consultant, to see what suggestions she would make. Her consultations begin with a detailed analysis of a client's lifestyle. Must their working wardrobe conform to a particular dress code? What proportion of their budget goes on leisure wear and most importantly what kind of image do they want to give to other people?

Clare was asked searching questions. Initially she was self-deprecating: "I'm hopeless about clothes." (Not true. Her favourite outfit which she had been requested to wear was well co-ordinated.) "I never know what I want to wear, and I hate shopping."

She was soon put at ease and began to develop more confidence as the session proceeded. By the end she was enthusing: "That was brilliant. I thoroughly enjoyed it. And I have some good ideas now." It was established that her job with Douglas and Gordon, a London estate agent, requires her to look both smart and approachable. Personally, she would like to look stylish without dressing in the height of fashion.

Now it was down to business. Mrs Nathan seated Clare in front of a mirror and held swatches of every conceivable colour against her face. Mrs Nathan does not, like some colour analysts, classify clients into colour groups. She believes that everyone can wear every colour. It is a question of tone. This was proved time and time again as Clare tried different shades.

"My instinct tells me that you will look wonderful in green," announced Mrs Nathan. Clare reacted in horror. She *did* look good — in dark shades, but not in olive. Eventually Clare had tried every shade of every colour. Finally she admitted, "I have always played safe and gone for neutral shades. Now I see that I can wear colour — but deep rather than bright shades."

Mrs Nathan made up a set of mini swatches for Clare in three categories: her best neutral shade; core colours and those which could be used to accentuate an outfit; and, finally, style. Now Clare was faced with placing a series of fashion photographs into three piles — those she liked; those she would hate to wear and those she would choose for a special occasion.

Accessories were discussed next. Larger, more unusual jewellery than she might choose was recommended and finally a total look was arrived at. Being tall and slim, with naturally good posture and an admitted preference for "no fuss", she was advised to opt

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for either long skirts or those coming just above the knee and to choose soft rather than heavy fabrics in either plain colours or a limited selection of patterns. Tips and sketches were added to the growing portfolio which she could take away for reference.

Building up a wardrobe, says Mrs Nathan, need not be too expensive. "There are some excellent dress agencies around, for example." Clare was given the names of two shops and one agency. She was also asked to spend some time window-shopping, which she agreed to do with less reluctance than she might have done earlier.

"I want you to spend two Saturdays just looking," Mrs Nathan said. "Then buy a beautiful jacket with *good* buttons as your first purchase. Follow that with a blouse. You can't wear trousers for work, you say, but you could buy some for leisure wear to match the blouse."

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Dashing DeFreitas held at bay as Western Australia achieve draw

England pulled up in victory chase

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERTH

ENGLAND'S cricketers could not have been put more thoroughly in the shade on the final day of their match against Western Australia if they had crawled under rocks in the bush. Their drawn match at the WACA coincided with the Melbourne Cup which amounts in Australia to a Coronation, Bastille Day and Thanksgiving rolled into one.

According to a commentator on Channel 10 it is "the world's biggest sporting event — and it's all Australian". Unwittingly that slip reveals why it is not the global No 1. But, as a national totem, it towers above everything. So far as the Australian public is concerned the summer of cricket has yet to begin.

The 11 riders in the Perth Handicap, run over four days in good conditions, were led home by Graeme Hick by three lengths. Devon Malcolm was separated from John Crawley and Phillip DeFreitas by a neck. Mike Gatting and Graham Thorpe were also-rans.

Even though there are three matches to go before the first Test in Brisbane, everyone knows only two places are in doubt. Who bats at six? Who bowls at ten? England's inability to enforce a winning position here, as the state side ended on 272 for five, should have helped to firm up one of those positions for Philip Tufnell and Crawley's runs have done him no harm with regard to the other.

From this distance it appears that England would prefer Gatting to Crawley and a bowling attack of four pacemen. Thank heavens there is a month to make Keith Fletcher, the England team manager, reconsider, though he is hardly one of nature's adventurers. If Gatting, who had an awful match, plays ahead of Crawley in Adelaide later this week it will be a betrayal of the selectors' thoughts.

This was a revealing match in many ways, and what it revealed about Gatting was not terribly flattering. It is obvious now, if there were ever any waverers, that the inclusion of both him and Gooch in the same Test side is an absurdity. The ambulancemen would need to be on full-time alert.

There was an extremely funny moment here when Gooch, Gatting and Crawley, who is not the swiftest mover, converged on the ball by the mid-wicket boundary after chasing it from fielding positions 80 yards away. It was not a race that would have worried a spring-heeled batsman like Michael Slater. He might well have run seven.

In fairness England were a shade unlucky. When DeFreitas took a wicket with the second ball of the day they got the start they needed, and well he bowled throughout the day. He needed to. Benjamin limped off with a groin strain after bowling only six overs and, when the ball took the edge, it invariably fell just short of a catcher.

DeFreitas bowled well in this match; indeed he has had a good first week. He can rest during the match against South Australia, happy with his form and — given the injuries elsewhere — his fitness. He will have a lot of bowling to do on this tour and he looks lean and hungry, ready for the challenge.

McCague ran in more smoothly and bowled at something like his quickest. He had just one wicket to show but it was a good one, Martyn, who was drawn towards a ball that left him. Malcolm did not bowl poorly but he did his best work here in the first innings.

Goodwin, the 21-year-old opener, made his second half-century of the match, putting on 119 for the second wicket with Lavender. DeFreitas accounted for both batsmen. Lavender was leg-before not offering a stroke to a ball that cut back. Goodwin slashed to cover where Craig White, the substitute fielder, held a decent catch.

Michael Atherton, the captain, was content that England had given a fair account of themselves. "There is a general disdain for English cricket in Australia and it is important that we do well in these games to show we can still produce decent players."

GRAHAM MORRIS



DeFreitas, who captured four Western Australia wickets yesterday, begins his run-up

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 245 (M A Atherton 68; B A Reid 4 for 71).

Second Innings 393 for 6 dec (G A Hick 172, G A Gooch 68, J P Crawley 67 not out).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First Innings 238 (M W Goodwin 51, M R J Veletta 57; D E Malcolm 6 for 70).

Second Innings

G B Hogg c Rhodes b DeFreitas	0
M P Lavender lbw b DeFreitas	51
M Goodwin c sub b DeFreitas	77
*D R Martyn c Rhodes b McCague	36
T M Moody c Rhodes b DeFreitas	19
†A C Gilchrist not out	40
C E Coulson not out	32
Extras (lb 15, nb 2)	17
Total (5 wkts)	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-119, 3-167, 4-188, 5-217.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 21-4-65-4; Malcolm 18-4-42-0; Benjamin 6-1-32-0; McCague 19-2-57-1; Hick 14-3-60-0; Atherton 2-0-6-0.

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Sporting excellence and innocent presumptions

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Potential jurors for the trial of O. J. Simpson must complete an 80-page test, containing 294 questions. Question 267 reads: "Are you a fan of the Buffalo Bills?"

This is surreal. The jurors will not be voting for their favourite American footballer: they are weighing up the facts of murder. Simpson is charged with killing his ex-wife and her friend. The case is horrific, drenched with blood, a tale of almost unimaginable horror.

Is it probable, is it even possible, that any one could allow something so trivial as a sporting allegiance to cloud his vision of the truth in a matter of life and death?

Clearly, the lawyers surrounding the Simpson case, like bees round a honeypot, emphatically believe that this is so: that if you were a supporter of the Bills, the love you bore Simpson — the greatest Buffalo Bill since Cody, 70 touchdowns, 10,183 yards rushing, 138 points in a single season — would prejudice you overwhelmingly in his favour.

Let us anglicise matters a little. It could never happen, but say David Gower were involved in a country house murder mystery: found in the library with the corpse at his feet, and in his hand a blood-stained paper-knife of curious oriental design.

Surely a misunderstanding, our hearts respond: the Gower we know could not be a murderer. Nobody who played that flick-pull across the line would stoop so low.

For Gower has given most of us considerable pleasure, and that is not a trivial matter. One cannot be indifferent to that. And so one wishes him well: in trouble, perhaps would be disposed in his favour.

The question "are you now, or have you ever been a cricket-lover" is certainly worth asking of anyone who makes a judgment about Gower's personal life.

Genius forgives all. This is a dubious proposition, but posterity's unquestioning forgiveness of people of genius is a commonplace. James Joyce was impossible about money: but he wrote *Ulysses*, so what does it matter? Marcel Proust's sexual habits were bizarre beyond comprehension, but *À la Recherche du Temps Perdu* is not a bad read (even if it does suffer so dreadfully in the original).

Syphilitic painters, alcoholic writers, drug-addled poets: their names are legion. The obvious first step is to agree that their peccadilloes, indeed, their mortal sins, do not — cannot possibly — invalidate their work.

The second step is to forgive all these excesses. The work they produced is so important, gives so much pleasure, remains to delight when the rubbish of a messy life has been cleared away: that is what matters.

Personal relationships affect moral judgments. A great artist creates a kind of personal relationship in his audience: so does a great athlete.

The pleasure one takes in an athlete's life-work cannot help but prejudice you in the athlete's favour. This effect is generally doubled when it involves a loyalty to a local or national team.

Tony Adams, the Arsenal centre half and captain, and England captain last time out, was sent to prison after a shameful incident of drunk driving. *Arsenal supporters* gave him a hero's welcome on his return. Ellery Hanley has known trouble: as a great rugby player and victorious Great Britain coach, he is another hero.

And from loyalty to blind loyalty: a feeling, not of mere warmth and goodwill towards O. J. Simpson, but a complete refusal to believe that such a person could possibly do such a deed. For some people, the Simpson Case is something like a crisis of faith.

And from blind loyalty to blind prejudice. In this country, many people's view of Pakistan is coloured by cricket. It is right that it is so: the cricketing affairs between England and Pakistan have been wonderfully instructive.

But blind prejudice will give the equation: Pakistani equals cheat — and that is a view held by the coarse-minded people you find at every level of life. But the important point here is that you cannot blame sport for such coarse-mindedness, whether it comes from MCC snob or Tavern slob.

If sport did not exist they would find something else to be coarse about (just as if art did not exist, the precious would find something else to be precious about).

Literature affects and colours the lives of those who read: this is inevitable, and no reading person is ashamed of this. Sport affects the lives and the judgment of those who enjoy it. It is almost tautologous to say this: like saying that living affects your life.



Gower: given pleasure

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United prepare for test of endurance

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

BARCELONA versus Manchester United, game two, sets the pulse racing like a motorcycle engine jammed in first gear. How much higher, how much further can this contest stimulate the central nervous system after the Champions' League match that touched perfection a fortnight ago at Old Trafford?

If either of these teams is going to attempt in any way to lower the pace and compulsion of attacking football, it will be United. Alex Ferguson, their manager, willing to throw the teenaged talents, Nicky Butt and Paul Scholes, into a cauldron which will contain 120,000 fiercely partisan Catalan spectators, spoke immediately after the first game of the need for discipline, the requirement to defend with depth the way his team had in Istanbul against Galatasaray.

Johan Cruyff, his opposite number, knows no other way than to attack, to risk all in the cause not merely of victory but of glory. His side, one of the most expensive the world has seen, owes its supporters that much, particularly after managing only another draw, 1-1, away to Real Sociedad last Sunday. In that game, Romario had scored his inevitable goal, and, without Ronald Koeman, who was rested, Barcelona surrendered that lead.

The mention of Romario still sends a *frisson* up the spine of Ferguson. In Manchester, Ferguson dared to drop his captain, Bruce, and ask Parker, one of three players defying the surgeon's scapel, to shut out Romario, the most elusive sniper on turf. Ferguson seldom gives his team or his tactics away, but it is assumed that Bruce will be back. "I was afraid at Old Trafford of the counter-attack of Barcelona," Ferguson said, explaining the inclusion of Parker. At the time it appeared to be a worthy tactical change; but now, believing Barcelona will have an even more concerted commitment to attack, Ferguson talks of defensive strength.

And Bruce? Like most British defenders, he believes there is nobody he needs fear. "I don't believe Romario will cause any more problems than somebody like Alan Shearer or Ian Rush," Bruce said defiantly. He has never met Romario. He has no conception of the guile, the movement, the instinct that drives this little Brazilian. And while he is about it, he should include among the "problems" the artful dives that not only Romario but also his Bulgarian colleague, Hristo Stoichkov, perform around the penalty box.

To win in the Nou Camp would be United's dream. To draw would keep every option open to them, every possibility of progressing to the quarter-finals. To lose? Then it would be become a dogfight, not so much with Barcelona but with IFK Gothenburg, the Swedish champions who have already beaten Barcelona in Sweden.

While the advanced guard of ticketless United followers have pockmarked their club's glory with 17 arrests for skirmishes in and around the Ramblas, those who finish up with no tickets for the Nou Camp may journey north to Lloret de Mar, where there are 1,000 places available around a giant screen. It will be a question of coping with the atmosphere, with the whole swell of Catalan fervour that will test United's nerve.

"This kind of game is something none of the young lads could have dreamed about at the beginning of the season," Ferguson said. "I've got to make sure that they are properly prepared."

Those comments indeed suggest places for the precocious Butt and for Scholes, who so cheekily attempted to chip Carlos Busquets when he came on as a substitute late in the game at Old Trafford game.

If so, Ryan Giggs, who was scintillating when he was their age yet has become fretful, will not get the opportunity to test Barcelona's over-adventurous defence down the left flank.

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable): P Schmeichel; P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin, A Kanchelskis, R Keane, P Ince, N Butt, P Scholes, M Hughes.

DETAILS

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	3	1	2	0	6	4	4
Gothenburg	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Barcelona	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Galatasaray	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

RESULTS: Manchester United 4 Gothenburg 2; Barcelona 2 Galatasaray 1; Galatasaray 0 Manchester United 0; Gothenburg 2 Barcelona 1; Gothenburg 1 Galatasaray 0; Manchester United 2 Barcelona 2.

FIXTURES: Today: Barcelona v Manchester United, Galatasaray v Gothenburg. Nov 23: Galatasaray v Barcelona; Gothenburg v Manchester United. Dec 7: Barcelona v Gothenburg; Manchester United v Galatasaray

Rovers face stern test at Hillsborough

Wednesday's form poses threat to Blackburn's hopes

By Our Sports Staff

SHEFFIELD Wednesday believe that they have shrugged off their traditional slow start to the season. If they are right, it could spell trouble for Blackburn Rovers' hopes of maintaining the pace near the top of the FA Carling Premiership table.

Wednesday's poor start put some early pressure on their manager, Trevor Francis, but his side go into the meeting with Blackburn at Hillsborough tonight having suffered only one defeat in six league and cup matches. "We seem to have made a bad start for the past three seasons," the Wednesday assistant manager, Richie Barker, said yesterday, "but, having said that, we are in a better position now than we were last year.

"In the last few matches we have put a bit of form together. We've beaten Manchester United, Ipswich and Southampton and lost just the one, to Newcastle. We've shown we can compete with the best with the victory over Manchester United, and Blackburn will be another big game."

Wednesday expect John Sheridan, the midfield player who was carried off with a knee injury on Saturday during the 1-1 draw with Chelsea, to have recovered, along with Mark Bright, the striker who had stitches inserted in a cut behind the knee.

Des Walker has also been cleared to play in defence because he is still waiting for his misconduct charge to be heard after his sending-off against Ipswich a fortnight ago.

The Blackburn manager, Kenny Dalglish, is expected to keep faith with the side that ended Nottingham Forest's unbeaten start to the season at the weekend. Victory would enable Rovers to overtake Manchester United and Forest and take second place on goal difference, two points behind the leaders, Newcastle.

"Since losing to Manchester United we have scored four goals and given away none," Dalglish said. "Everybody takes credit for clean sheets, and if the past is anything to go by the fans are in for an entertaining game."

The Coventry City manager, Phil Neal, has warned his players not to underestimate Crystal Palace, who will be looking for a third successive league victory when they go to Highfield Road tonight. "They have kept three clean sheets in a row and nicked some good results," Neal said. "We have to pick up points against teams similar to ourselves, and Palace are in that category."

Coventry, two points ahead of Palace in thirteenth place, are also on a good run, but will be forced to give Brian Borrows, their defender, a late fitness test on the hamstring he injured in the weekend defeat of Manchester City.

Southampton, whose splendid run of five successive victories has been followed by three league defeats in a row, will be looking to end that sequence at The Dell against Norwich City, who have won one just once away from Carrow Road this season.

Alan Ball, the Southampton manager, is likely to name an unchanged side, with Iain Dowie continuing to lead the attack against the club with which he had talks about a possible transfer during the summer.

Bruce Grobbelaar, the Southampton goalkeeper, will again wear a face mask to protect the cheekbone he shattered during the match against Everton a month ago. Neil Heaney, the winger, has recovered from an ankle injury.

☐ Daley Thompson, the former world and Olympic decathlon champion, scored twice on his first appearance for the Vauxhall Conference side, Stevenage Borough, in a 3-2 Eastern Floodlit League victory over Ware on Monday night. Thompson is on trial with Stevenage, and is expected to be included in one of their sides on Saturday.



Sheffield Wednesday hope Sheridan will be fit to resume his midfield place tonight

McGinlay goes back to Hibs

HIBERNIAN yesterday made a club record signing when they paid £420,000 to retrieve a former player, Pat McGinlay, from Celtic (Kevin McCarra writes). The move emphasises the desire of the Edinburgh club to hold or improve its second place in the league. Their previous record purchase was the £400,000, spent on Keith Wright in 1991.

McGinlay, who joined Hibs as a free transfer in 1987, was a successful midfield player at the club until the summer of last year when Celtic bought him for £525,000. Although ending the season as Celtic's top scorer, he was regularly played out of position.

Since Tommy Burns became Celtic manager in July, McGinlay's appearances in the side have been irregular. "I don't think he failed at all there," said Alex Miller, the Hibs manager. "He was not played in his best position. I feel I now have the strongest squad in the eight years I have been Hibs' manager."

At Celtic, Burns is now expected to strengthen his own squad with the money raised by McGinlay's sale. Meanwhile, Hearts have demonstrated their dissatisfaction with the ten-match ban on their defenders, Craig Levein and Graeme Hogg, which was upheld by an appeals committee on Monday. The penalty was imposed after the pair brawled with one another during a pre-season friendly.

In view of the severity of the sentence, McLean has proposed to his directors that the club's own punishment should be lifted. If agreed, the players would each have restored to them the two weeks' wages that they were fined, and Levein would be reinstated as club captain.

Stapleton aims to lift Brighton

FRANK Stapleton believes he can finish his playing career on a high note at Brighton, as well as assist in the development of young players. The former Arsenal, Manchester United and Republic of Ireland striker has joined Brighton on a non-contract basis.

"It'll still be a thrill to play and I feel fit enough to do it," he said. "I will be giving it everything I've got and hopefully I can help Brighton move up the second division."

Stapleton, 38, who is in the squad for tonight's home match with Bournemouth, has been told by Liam Brady, the manager, that Brighton have several young players in their first season of first-team football. Brighton have taken only one point from the last five league games and although Brady, the second division manager of the month for September when Brighton were unbeaten, has no money for signings, he is hoping to strengthen his squad with loan players.

Gary Lineker's playing career may have been ended by a chest injury which could keep him out at Grampus 8 until his planned retirement at the end of the Japanese season. The former England striker needs four weeks to recover, doctors say, and the season ends in three weeks.

The Ireland squad has been named for the European Championship qualifying group six tie at home to Northern Ireland on November 16.

SQUAD: A Kelly (Sheff Utd), P Bonner (Celtic), D Irwin (Man Utd), G Kelly (Leeds), P McGrath (Aston Villa), A Kernaghan (Man City), P Babb (Liverpool), T Phelan (Man City), R Houghton (Aston Villa), R Keane (Man Utd), A Townsend (Aston Villa), J Sheridan (Sheff Wed), J McAteer (Bolton), E McGoldrick (Arsenal), A McLoughlin (Portsmouth), R Whelan (Southend), S Staunton (Aston Villa), N Quinn (Man City), A Cascarino (Marseille), D Kelly (Wolves), T Coyne (Motherwell), J Aldridge (Tranmere).

Two club coaches asked to explain conduct

By Christopher Irvine

NINE players and the coaches of Dewsbury and Swinton are facing disciplinary action by the Rugby Football League (RFL) as a result of the recent ill-tempered second division match between the clubs that has already brought them fines of £1,500 each.

Tony Barrow, of Swinton, and Norman Smith, the Dewsbury coach, are due to appear today before the RFL board of directors to explain alleged comments directed afterwards at Brian Galtress, the match referee, who sent off four players.

The Bradford official reported the pair for encroaching the field of play and comments made to him and his two touch judges, allegations that Barrow has denied in a letter to the league.

"I will attend but am considering taking legal advice," he said.

Both clubs have complained about the handling of the match. Malcolm White, the Swinton chairman, said most of the trouble had stemmed from the referee's poor control. "Somebody has to sit down and watch the whole tape," said Jack Addy, the Dewsbury club president. "The referee and touch judges all had bad games."

A separate trial by video will decide tomorrow whether five players, in addition to those sent off, will be punished for their part in a brawl. Dave Harthill, Glen Prince and Tony Humphries, of Swinton, and Eddie Rombo and Shane Williams, of Dewsbury, have been ordered to appear before the RFL disciplinary committee.

Following fighting in the first half of last week's match, that Dewsbury won easily enough with the opposition reduced to ten men, Andy Purcell, of Swinton, and Ian Bates, of the home side, were dismissed. They were followed later by Gavin Price-Jones and Ian Skeech, of Swinton, for fouls.

The Australians were hoping to be spared further injury problems in their tour match at St Helens last night ahead of the second international against Great Britain on Saturday.

The biggest concern is Steve Walters. The hooker has a dead-leg, but Laurie Daley and Bradley Clyde, who have not played since the defeat at Wembley, are expected to be named in the side today.

Jonathan Davies, Paul Newlove and Daryl Powell are being given time to recover from injuries but Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain coach, will announce his final 17 for Old Trafford today.

Nigel Wright, the Wakefield Trinity stand-off, is likely to miss the Stones Bitter championship game at Salford on Friday. However, a shoulder injury should not prevent his participation in the Great Britain under-21 match with Australia at Gateshead on November 15.

The Student Rugby League representation in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup this season has been increased from one side to two. Cardiff Institute of Higher Education and Leeds Metropolitan University will be involved in the draw for the first round to be played on December 10 and 11.

IN BRIEF

Hooper's century proves the final say

WEST INDIES, inspired by a sparkling century from Carl Hooper and Ranjan Dhanraj's leg spin, outplayed New Zealand yesterday to reach the final of a triangular one-day cricket tournament against India.

Hooper shared stands of 111 in 125 balls with Brian Lara, who made a stylish 69, and 103 from only 86 balls with Keith Arthurton, who hit a rapid 45 in 47 balls. Hooper's 111 from 114 balls helped the West Indies to a massive 50-over total of 306 for six after winning the toss at Gauhati's Nehru Stadium.

Dhanraj then took four for 26 in his second one-day appearance, all his wickets coming in the space of 18 balls for just two runs. New Zealand were never in the hunt, finishing their 50 overs on 171 for nine as West Indies won by 135 runs. It was sweet revenge for West Indies who were humiliated in the first match between the two sides in Goa when New Zealand bowled them out for just 123 before rain saved the day.

Marshall on his way up

Squash: Peter Marshall, the British champion, is likely to be promoted to world No 2 behind Jansher Khan on a new ranking list due to be issued by the Professional Squash Association today.

Marshall led Cannons Club to a 3-0 victory over Jim Hall Sports Northern in the Super League by beating Alex Gough, the Welsh No 2, 9-4, 9-3, 9-1. The win for Cannons enabled them to preserve a two-point lead.

Victories by Chris Walker, the England No 2, and Ross Norman, a former world champion, helped ICL Lion Herts, their nearest pursuers, to a 2-1 victory over Welsh Back Wizards.

Speedy Conner

Yachting: Dennis Conner may be struggling to make any impact in the America's Cup world championship with his 1991 vintage boat, *Stars and Stripes*, but had high hopes for a new yacht when she was delivered to his San Diego base yesterday.

Developed with support from Boeing and Cray supercomputers, Dave Pedrick, the chief designer, said that he expected her to be faster than John Bertrand's *oneAustralia*, which is so far proving the boat to beat in the world championships.

Day to Roux

Tennis: Lionel Roux, of France, delighted the home supporters by upsetting Michael Stich, of Germany, the third seed, with an impressive straight-sets win in a second-round match at the Paris Open yesterday.

A strong serve and powerful baseline strokes allowed Roux to move past a sluggish Stich 6-3, 6-4 after 77 minutes of a one-sided contest.

"I was slow and did not play well at all," Stich conceded. He made many unforced errors and could miss the ATP Tour world championship to be held in Frankfurt later this month.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Green Bay Packers 33 Chicago Bears 6

CRICKET

GAUHATI (triangular one-day series, West Indies won toss): West Indies beat New Zealand by 135 runs

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons b Nash	0
S C Williams low b Doull	25
B C Lara c Hart b Nash	69
C L Hooper c Hartland b Pringle	111
K L T Arthurton b Nash	45
A C Cummins not out	29
R I C Holder b Pringle	4
†J C Adams not out	5
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 7)	18
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	306

C A Walsh, R Dhanraj and C E Cuffy did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-45, 3-156, 4-259, 5-272, 6-281

BOWLING: Nash 10-1-48-3, Pringle 9-1-71-2, Doull 9-0-65-1; Hart 5-0-34-0, Harris 10-0-43-0; Thomson 7-0-34-0

NEW ZEALAND

B R Hartland b Walsh	9
B A Young c Williams b Dhanraj	33
†A C Parore run out	9
*K R Rutherford b Hooper	13
S P Fleming c Simmons b Dhanraj	18
S A Thomson st Adams b Dhanraj	2
C Z Harris low b Arthurton	12
M N Hart b Dhanraj	2
D J Nash not out	20
S B Doull b Arthurton	4
C Pringle not out	34
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 1, nb 2)	15
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	171

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-33, 3-60, 4-92, 5-95, 6-95, 7-101, 8-119, 9-123

BOWLING: Walsh 6-1-18-1; Cuffy 6-0-13-0; Simmons 7-1-13-0; Cummins 4-0-18-0, Hooper 10-1-28-1 Dhanraj 10-2-25-4; Arthurton 5-0-26-2; *Lara 2-0-17-0*

CYCLING

GRENOBLE: 58k-day race (after five days): 1, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr) and P Bincoletto (It) 248pts; 2, D Ruegg and P Vetsch (Switz) 206, 3, S Martinello and M Cipollini (It) 202

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 0 Tottenham 0

UEFA CUP: Second round: Second leg: Tekstilshik Kamyshin (Russ) 1 Nantes (Fr) 2 (agg: 1-4), Real Madrid 4 Dynamo Moscow 0 (agg: 6-2); Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 5 Klapesi Horned (Hungary) 0 (agg: 7-0).

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: QPR 2 Liverpool 1

BOB LORD TROPHY: Second round: Bath 0 Dover 1, Kidderminster 1 Kettering 5

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE: League Cup: Quarter-final: Cork City 4 Bohemians 0; Dundalk 2 Shamrock Rovers 1, St Patricks Ath 3, Cobh Ramblers 1

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Newcastle 3 Port Vale 2

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Swindon 1 Luton 2

DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Cup: Second round: Purfleet 2 East Thurrock 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Barnsley 1 Blackpool 3.

SCHOOLS: FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Lancashire West 3 Yorkshire 6

SCHOOLS MATCH: Oakham 16 Stamford 26

SNOOKER

EDINBURGH: Benson and Hedges championship (England unless stated): Second round: A Fleming (Scot) bt H Abernathy (Scot) 5-2; A Robidoux (Can) bt N Pearce 5-2, J Burne bt A Edmonds 5-1, S Cooney bt T Knowles 5-2, A Hicks bt R Frezza (It) 5-3, A Cairns bt J Prince (N Ire) 5-2; L Dodd bt G Greene 5-2; D Clarke bt J Buckingham 5-0; E Henderson (Scot) bt M Campbell (Scot) 5-0, M MacLeod (Scot) bt F O'Brien (Ire) 5-4, J Bodle bt A Hannah 5-1; M Stevens (Wal) bt P Freeman 5-2, R Batty bt E Munro (Sco) 5-0, M Price bt P Cavney 5-3; R Garnett bt S Jamieson 5-3, M King bt S Regg 5-0, B Snaddon (Sco) bt R Romanszczuk (Sco) 5-0; B Jones bt P Lines 5-4; G Horne bt K Burrows 5-4, I Bullimore bt S Popplewell 5-0; R Lawler bt J Miche 5-4, S Macfarlane (Sco) bt P Sweeney 5-2, A Dawes (Wal) bt C Barnard 5-2, P Wallace (Ire) bt C Small (Sco) 5-2, P Dawson bt C McGee 5-4, P Davies (Wal) bt G Atkins 5-0; R Hull (Fin) bt S Parker 5-3, E Manning bt A Highfield 5-0, A Hamilton bt G Ponting 5-2, S Newbury (Wal) bt J Horne 5-0, D Reynolds bt S Kershaw 5-2, D Henry (Sco) bt S Storey 5-4, C Scanlon bt R Alflord 5-1, N Barrow bt M Couch 5-3, S Murphy (Ire) bt S Ali 5-4, J Higgins (Sco) bt D Shaw 5-1, M Judge (Ire) bt S Mellish 5-2, L Grant bt R Pipe 5-2, S Pettman bt J Bagley 5-1; M Clark bt D Leary (N Ire) 5-1, G Peters (Wal) bt L Richardson 5-3, J Burnett (Sco) bt N MacLachlan (Sco) 5-0; G Wilkinson bt M O'Sullivan 5-0; O King bt J Giles 5-1; G Dunn (Sco) bt D Mole 5-2, K Broughton bt M Parmar 5-1, M Hallett bt M Duffy (N Ire) 5-2, D McLellan (Sco) bt T Ogilvie (Sco) 5-0

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE: Cannons Club 3 Jim Hall Sports Northern 0, Walker Hammond Manchester 3 Ogmore Valley Dragons 0; Rackets Club 0 Longfield 3; Welsh Back Wizards 1 ICL Lion Hearts 2

TENNIS

PARIS: Indoor Open: First round: P Korda (Cz) bt A Kricksteen (US) 6-3, 6-1; R Furlan (It) bt C Adams (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, C Poline (Fr), bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-4, 6-2, R Furlan (It) bt C Adams (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 7-5, 6-4, M Woodforde (Aus) bt J-P Fleuran (Fr) 7-6, 7-6, G Forget (Fr) bt G Rioux (Fr) 6-4, 6-4, P Haarhuis (Hol) bt D Vacek (Cz) 7-6, 6-2, D Wheaton (US) bt A Gaudenz (It) 6-2 6-3 Second round: L Roux (Fr) bt M Sach (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, A Agassi (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, M Rosset (Switz) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-4, 7-6

TELFORD: National Championships: Men's singles: First round: J Fox (Lincl) bt J Saffery (Berk) 7-6, 6-3 N Gould (Avon) bt J Hunter (Surrey) 7-5, 6-1, B Cowan (Lanc) bt S Pendar (Cornwall) 6-1, 6-4; A Foster (Staff) bt P Hand (Berk) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, T Spinks (Norfolk) bt L Milligan (Middx) 6-2, 4-6 6-2; N Weal (Hants/IoW) bt C Bennett (Here/Worc) 7-6, 3-6, 6-3, M Wyeth (Surrey) bt N Baglin (Cheshire) 6-4, 3-6, 14-12; M Lee (Sussex) bt D Ahl (Devon) 6-4, 6-2, P Martin (Avon) bt J Dawdson (Bucks) 7-5, 6-4, G Henderson (York) bt C Wall (Surrey) 7-5, 6-4, J Delgado (Warwicks) bt R Matheson (W Scot) 7-6, 6-2, M Maclagan (W Scot) bt D Sanders (Somerset) 6-4, 6-4 Women's singles: First round: S-A Siddall (Dorset) bt C Herben (Herts) 7-6, 6-2, K Rouzieneva (Berk) bt J Osman (Sussex) 6-2, 9-2; L Ahl (Devon) bt M Wainwright (Essex) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, J Ward (Dur/Cleve) bt F Hoare (Middx) 6-1, 6-1; L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt C Taylor (Oxon) 6-3, 5-7, 6-1; K Cross (Devon) bt F Lonman (Norm/Humb) 6-2, 6-4, M Mair (E Scot) bt J Boden (Surrey) 6-1, 6-4; J Dunn (Avon) bt S Tse (Kent) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, A Smylan (Leics) bt S Bentley (Surrey) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3

OAKLAND: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): A Frazier bt R Niederer (SA) 6-0, 6-0 K Po bt C Kuhlman 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; M Kochta (Ger) bt S Cacic 6-3, 7-5, J Watanabe bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-2, 6-1, T Whitlinger-Jones bt P Shriver 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, V Williams bt S Stafford 6-3 6-4

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

European Cup
Champions' League, group A
Barcelona v Man Utd

FA Carling Premiership
Coventry v Crystal Palace (7.45)
Sheff Wed v Blackburn (7.45)
Southampton v Norwich
Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Derby v Reading (7.45)
Millwall v Portsmouth (7.45)
Stoke v Sheff Utd (7.45)
West Brom v Port Vale (7.45)
Second division
Bradford v Brentford (7.45)
Brighton v Bournemouth (7.45)
Chester v Stockport

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow v Kingstonian Carlsberg Cup: Second round: Oxford City v Chesham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Tonbridge v Bury

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Second round: Accrington Stanley v Hyde; Bishop Auckland v Frickley; Boston v Matlock.

FA VASE: First-round replays: Gosling v Mar KA.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Calne v Frome; Tormgton v Tiverton.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sudbury v Hadleigh.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Cowes Sports v Portsmouth RN

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: League Cup: Eccleshill v Harrogate RA

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington Terriers v Northallerton

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: First round: Darwen v Holker Old Boys

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Eynesbury

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Afan Lido Ebbw Vale v Caersws, Llanelli v Inter Cardiff Ton Pentre v Barry

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Barnsley v Oldham (7.00)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Bath v Birmingham Hereford v Swansea (7.00) First division: Norwich v Southampton Swindon v Oxford Utd

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Amateur Football Alliance v Army FA

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Neath v South Africa XV (7.0)
Club matches
Bangor v Instonians
Durham City v West Hartlepool
Moseley v Barkers Butts
Penarth v Cardiff (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Third round, second leg: Split (Cro) (72) v Thames Valley Tigers (77)

Budweiser League: Leicester Riders v Sheffield Sharks

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges championship (Edinburgh, 10.00 12.30, 15.00, 19.30).

Solid Salim leads revival

By Our Sports Staff

PAKISTAN, deprived at the eleventh hour of their front-line pace attack of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, reached 255 for five on the opening day of the third and final Test against Australia in Lahore yesterday.

Salim Malik, the Pakistan captain, opted to bat on a placid pitch and was top scorer with 75, receiving solid support from Inzamam-ul-Haq, who hit a fluent 66. At the close, nine balls early because of fading light, Ijaz Ahmad (35) and the wicketkeeper, Moin Khan (39), had shared an unbroken partnership of 46.

Yet all was overshadowed by the withdrawal shortly before the start of Wasim and Waqar. Wasim complained of a sinus problem and a stiff back and Waqar explained he was suffering from a damaged hamstring.

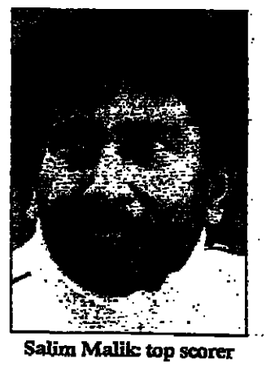
Waqar denied they had withdrawn because of a dispute with Salim, who had reportedly criticised their bowling during the final on Sunday of a triangular limited-overs series, a match that Australia won by 64 runs. Waqar said: "I am happy with the captaincy."

Salim and Inzamam shared a third-wicket partnership of 123 from 208 balls to help their side overcome a shaky start after the openers, Aamir Sohail and Saeed Anwar, were dispatched to the pavilion with only 34 runs on the scoreboard.

The late withdrawal of the two fast bowlers left Pakistan, who lead the series 1-0, to include Mohsin Kamal, the fast bowler and Akram Raza, the off spinner, in a team already carrying four changes. Australia brought in Phil Emery, who replaced the injured wicketkeeper, Ian Healy, for his first cap.

Tim May, the off spinner, finally broke the third-wicket partnership when he had Inzamam leg-before in the afternoon session. Inzamam, who passed 1,000 runs in his nineteenth Test match, went back to a delivery that kept straight. His fourth Test half-century included 13 fours from 144 balls.

Salim, after an innings containing ten fours, was splendidly caught by Michael Bevan, diving at point, and The most successful bowlers were May and Shane Warne, who claimed two wickets apiece.



Salim Malik: top scorer

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar b Warne	30
Aamir Sohail c Emery b McGrath	1
Inzamam-ul-Haq low b May	66
*Salim Malik c Bevan b May	75
Ijaz Ahmad not out	35
Basit Ali c Waugh b Warne	0
†Moin Khan not out	39
Extras (lb 4, nb 5)	9
Total (5 wkts)	255

Mohsin Kamal, Mushtaq Ahmad, Aqib Javed and Akram Raza to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-157, 4-204, 5-209.

BOWLING: McDermott 14-3-66-0; McGrath 17.3-6-47-1; Warne 25-6-98-2; May: 22-5-48-2; Waugh 2-0-4-0.

AUSTRALIA: *M A Taylor, M J Slater, M E Waugh, D C Boon, J L Langer, M G Bevan, †P A Emery, T B A May, C J McDermott, G D McGrath, S K Warne.

Umpires: C Mackley (South Africa) and Riaz-ud-din (Pakistan).

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Jeune lands famous Cup victory

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN MELBOURNE



Harris salutes the crowd after his Melbourne Cup triumph on Jeune. Photograph: Mark Baker

IN MANY respects, it was quintessentially a British racing scene, belonging to York, Ascot or Goodwood on any summer afternoon. With rain clouds still hovering over the racecourse, Angus Gold, the very English racing manager employed by Hamdan Al-Maktoum, stepped forward to receive the winner's prize after a horse, which learned his craft up Newmarket's Warren Hill, carried the owner's ubiquitous blue and white silks to a famous victory.

But nothing about Jeune's 16-1 success in the Melbourne Cup at Flemington yesterday belonged to the "Poms". The victory by the former Geoff Wragg colt was as Australian as "Waltzing Matilda"; as comprehensive a triumph for Australian training methods as the historic win by Vintage Crop 12 months earlier had advertised the contrasting preparation given to European horses.

After finishing thirteenth of 14 only ten days earlier when sent off a warm favourite for the Cox Plate at Moonee Valley, many British trainers would not have countenanced a crack at the Cup, especially as the hard-pulling six-year-old had never raced over two miles and was far from certain to get the trip.

To make matters worse, he had appeared more interested in the mares and fillies at Moonee Valley rather than running at speed.

David Hayes, one of Australia's top young trainers, was undeterred. "I just worked the horse harder. After failing in the Cox Plate I trotted him on the Tuesday and worked him hard on the Thursday. He fired in the McKinnon Stakes on Saturday [where he wore blinkers and finished second]. I then worked the horse over nine furlongs on Monday. I wanted to keep the work going so he would settle."

Yesterday, the blinkers were replaced by "pacifiers", which look like blinkers but consist of gauze shielding the horse's eyes to make him relax. The stiff preparation and change in headgear did the trick as he settled in the fast-run race and concentrated.

The length and three-quarter victory completed a memorable start to the Melbourne spring festival for Hayes, who on Saturday sent out the Robert Sangster-owned Blevic to win the Victoria Derby. Jeune's success was also a fitting reward for Wayne Harris who gained the ride after his regular rider, Shane Dye, opted to partner the unplaced Coachwood.

Harris, aged 33, was stable jockey to Kevin Prendergast in Ireland in 1990 before returning to Australia to be with his father who was terminally ill. Harris subsequently contracted cancer and after an eight-hour operation to remove the tumour was told he would never ride again.

And do not forget the horse. Jeune has not always been called the most complimentary names. His relish for a battle has been questioned on more than one occasion. But, as Harris recounted, he displayed a "bulldog attitude" yesterday as he burst through a narrow gap 1½ furlongs from the winning line and ran on gallantly to secure a place in Australian racing history.

The victory also rewarded the decision of Hamdan Al-Maktoum to buy Jeune from Sir Robin McAlpine just over a year ago after vets had rejected the horse for potential American owners.

While he celebrated his second Cup success after watching the race live in Dubai, there will have been some gloomy faces in Ireland and Yorkshire following the disappointing performances of Vintage Crop, Quick Ransom and Cliveden Gail.

Although Dr Michael Smurfit, Vintage Crop's owner, insisted before the race that the 5-1 favourite was "100 per cent," the effect of the much-publicised leg injury must have played its part in a lacklustre performance.

Sluggishly away, last year's winner was never travelling well for Michael Kinane. "I was never happy and my only hope was if they all fell in a hole in front of me. He was always struggling." Vintage Crop finished seventh, beaten almost seven lengths.

Quick Ransom's run was even more disheartening, given his ideal preparation. He was beaten a full seven furlongs out and had only one horse behind him at the end — the 400-1 outsider, Gold Sovereign. Mark Johnston, his trainer, was mystified. "I really don't know the answer. It worries me because the run was so out of character." The horse will remain in Australia, where he will be trained by Lee Freedman.

Cliveden Gail, who finished one place in front of Quick Ransom, "was never in the race," Willie Carson, his jockey, said.

An inquest into a European whitewash is nothing new and underlines the task facing horses which travel thousands of miles in pursuit of racing's premier prizes. Do not be surprised if the next one is conducted in a week's time after the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs.

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Going: good

FOSTER'S MELBOURNE CUP (Handicap: £596,330: 2m)

1, JEUNE (W Harris), 2, Paris Lane (D Oliver); 3, Oompala (L Cassidy); 4, Double Take (G Childs). ALSO RAN: Alleve (5th), Hear That Bell (6th), Vintage Crop (7th), Grass Valley (8th), Top Rating (9th), Starstruck (10th), Glastonbury (11th), Oppressor (12th), Major Decision (13th), Gossips (14th), Our Pompeii (15th), Pindi (16th), Sweet Glory (17th), Coachwood (18th), Air Seattle (19th), River Verdon (20th), Toll Bell (21th), Cliveden Gail (22th), Quick Ransom (23th), Gold Sovereign. 24 ran. 1¾l, sh nk, 2l, 2l, ½l, sn nk. D Hayes. Tote (inc Aus$1 stake): 20.40; 6.30, 2.70, 13.30. DF: 67.40. Tricast 3,220.40. 3min 19.8sec.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.45 Ivor's Flutter. 2.15 Leotard. 2.45 Persian View. 3.15 Greenhill Raffles. 3.45 Cunninghams Ford. 4.15 Squire Silk.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 COURT MASTER.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.45 FIESTA MAGAZINE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,301: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

101 546- BEAUREPAIRE 190 R Alner 6-10-10 ... S Earle 87
102 0P-0 BIG BAD WOLF 7 B Pearce 6-10-10 ... R Rowell 62
103 0-34 CHARGED 14 (BF) P Hobbs 5-10-10 ... Peter Hobbs 78
104 00-4 EVEN FLOW 7 T Casey 5-10-10 ... J Osborne –
105 520- IVOR'S FLUTTER 18F D Elsworth 5-10-10 ... P Holley 99
106 JACK THE TD Mrs L Taylor 5-10-10 ... P Ward (7) –
107 LUCKY DOLLAR K Bailey 6-10-10 ... N Williamson –
108 20-4 ROMALITO 18F M Blanshard 4-10-10 ... M A Fitzgerald 66

4-6 Ivor's Flutter, 3-1 Charged, 6-1 Lucky Dollar, 8-1 Beaurepaire, Romalito, 14-1 Even Flow, 20-1 others.

2.15 DAILY MAIL NOVICES CHASE (£3,525: 2m) (6)

201 0011 I HAVE HIM 14 (D,F,G) A Jones 7-11-10 ... B Powell 99
202 34-1 LEOTARD 18 (CD,G,S) O Sherwood 7-11-10 ... J Osborne 95
203 53-5 AEDEAN 12 (S) G Enright 5-11-0 ... M Perrett –
204 5U6- POLICEMANS PRIDE 195 M Madgwick 5-11-0 ... D Morris –
205 4- TUDOR WEDDING 434 R Alner 9-11-0 ... S Earle 91
206 0P-3 WILLIE MCGARR 20 (G,S) Mrs D Thomas 9-11-0 N Williamson 98

4-6 Leotard, 5-2 I Have Him, 8-1 Willie McGarr, 12-1 Tudor Wedding, 20-1 Aedean, 25-1 Policemans Pride.

2.45 DAILY STAR STARFORM NOVICES HURDLE (£2,301: 2m 5f) (7)

301 1/0- CONNAUGHT CRUSADER 375 (S) P Hobbs 6-10-10 ... Peter Hobbs –
302 343- COURT MASTER 200 R Buckler 6-10-10 ... B Powell 99
303 GIVUS A CALL J Gifford 4-10-10 ... E Murphy –
304 00-F HARLEY STREET 11 Miss J Doyle 6-10-10 ... S Curran (5) –
305 300- MONAZITE 16F (B) J McConnochie 4-10-10 ... S McNeill 59
306 20-F PERSIAN VIEW 15 K Bailey 4-10-10 ... N Williamson –
307 40- SO HOPEFUL 257 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-10-10 ... R Greene –

2-1 Court Master, 3-1 Givus A Call, 5-1 Connaught Crusader, 6-1 Persian View, 8-1 Harley Street, 12-1 others.

3.15 SPORTING LIFE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,493: 3m) (6)

401 -0RP GHOFAR 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Elsworth 11-11-12 ... P Holley 98
402 12-3 GREENHILL RAFFLES 18 (F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-7 ... Peter Hobbs 98
403 4-43 MAN OF MYSTERY 18 (BF,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-2 ... J Osborne 96
404 34-6 HILLWALK 32 (D,G,S) R Curtis 8-11-0 ... D Morris 94
405 242- SPIKEY 190 (D,G) J Jenkins 8-10-12 ... B Powell 96
406 123- YORKSHIRE GALE 200 (D,G,S) J Gifford 8-10-6 N Williamson 99

7-4 Greenhill Raffles, 5-2 Man Of Mystery, 4-1 Yorkshire Gale, 5-1 Hillwalk, 10-1 Spikey, 16-1 Ghofar.

3.45 EVENING STANDARD EROS DASH NOVICES CHASE (£3,655: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

501 153- CUNNINGHAMS FORD 201 (F,S) O Sherwood 6-11-0 ... Mr A Harvey (7) –
502 8/4- CYPRUS 375 (F,G) Miss J Doyle 6-11-0 ... S Curran (5) –
503 050- DUHALLOW LODGE 224 (G,S) D Nicholson 7-11-0 ... Mr G Hogan (5) 96
504 -U52 DUNDEE PRINCE 4 K Bailey 6-11-0 ... N Williamson 99
505 2PP- FACTOR TEN 244 (G) Miss H Knight 6-11-0 ... J Osborne 98
506 52- FOX ON THE RUN 200 A Turnell 7-11-0 ... S McNeill –
507 ITALIAN MAN G Charles-Jones 6-11-0 ... B Powell –
508 32-P ROAD TO FAME 11 D Gandolfo 7-11-0 ... G Upton 90
509 1P43 LADY BUNTING 13 (F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-9 ... M Richards 77

7-4 Cunninghams Ford, 7-2 Dundee Prince, 4-1 Duhallow Lodge, 6-1 Fox On The Run, 8-1 Road To Fame, 12-1 Factor Ten, 14-1 Lady Bunting, 16-1 others.

4.15 HIGGS HIGH FLYER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,428: 2m) (6)

601 F5-5 ARABIAN BOLD 12 (D,F,G,S) N Henderson 6-12-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 98
602 54/ HASHAR 594 (CD,F) D Elsworth 6-11-4 ... P Holley –
603 106- MANEREE 208 (D,G,S) N Callaghan 7-11-0 ... R Campbell 89
604 11-6 SQUIRE SILK 12 (D,G,S) A Turnell 5-10-12 ... S McNeill 99
605 1-14 MULCIBER 7 (D,BF,F) G Harwood 6-10-10 ... M Perrett 92
606 1P-3 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 13 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 5-10-3 Peter Hobbs 86

5-2 Squire Silk, 7-2 Arabian Bold, Chapel Of Barras, 4-1 Mulciber, 5-1 Maneree, 7-1 Hashar.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 9 winners from 35 runners, 25.7%, N Henderson, 17 from 67, 25.4%; D Nicholson, 12 from 56, 21.4%; Miss H Knight, 6 from 28, 21.4%, O Sherwood, 10 from 51, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 7 winners from 32 rides, 21.9%, M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 36, 19.4%; Peter Hobbs, 6 from 31, 19.4%, J Osborne, 21 from 112, 18.8%; M Richards, 5 from 42, 11.9%.

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 2.00 Fortina's Song, Sidney Smith. 3.00 Golden Savannah. UTTOXETER: 1.20 Comeintothelight. 2.20 Call The King, Forever Shineing.

KELSO

THUNDERER

1.10 Now Young Man. 1.40 Royal Vacation. 2.10 Glenugie. 3.40 Kushbaloo. 3.10 Atherton Green. 3.40 Beldine. 4.10 Portonia.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.10 RADIO BORDERS AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,478: 2m 6f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 -22P DALESIDE 6 W Bentley 6-11-7 ... C Bonner (7)
2 -P63 HARDLY ARKENFIELD 28 J Upson 6-11-7 ... T Byrne (5)
3 60P- I'D SAY HARDLY 330 S Chadwick 7-11-7 ... D Parker (5)
4 000- JUMPING CACTUS 228 S Pittendrigh 5-11-7 ... R Hale (5)
5 00-4 NOW YOUNG MAN 33 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-7 Chris Wilson (7)
6 -044 QUARTZ HILL 18 D Lamb 5-11-7 ... A Manners (7)
7 500- DOLLY PRICES 226 W Smith 9-11-2 ... M Coglan (7)
8 00-6 GYMCRAK CYRANO 18 N Chamberlain 5-11-2 ... Miss C Metcalfe (7)
9 3 NELLIE BELLE 23 (G) R Fahey 7-11-2 ... Mrs A Farrell
10 52-4 QUEEN BUZZARD 62 E Weymes 6-11-2 ... J Weymes (7)

5-2 Daleside, 7-2 Hardly Arkenfield, 4-1 Now Young Man, 5-1 Nellie Belle, 6-1 Queen Buzzard, 8-1 Quartz Hill, 20-1 Gymcrak Cyrano, 25-1 others.

1.40 HENNESSY COGNAC NOVICES CHASE (£4,143: 3m 1f) (5)

1 1101 ROYAL VACATION 18 (C,F,G) G Moore 5-11-7 ... J Callaghan
2 32-4 BULA NUDAY 25 K Oliver 9-11-2 ... T Reed
3 3-22 LEADING PROSPECT 26 (G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-2 ... B Storey
4 P6-6 SNOOK POINT 14 D Lamb 7-11-2 ... Mr A Manners
5 PF-0 SKI LADY 33 J Charlton 6-10-11 ... K Johnson

5-4 Leading Prospect, 6-4 Royal Vacation, 6-1 Bula Nuday, 10-1 Snook Point, 25-1 Ski Lady.

2.10 MIDDLEMAS OF KELSO SCOTTISH BORDERS TROPHY (3-Y-O hurdle: £4,104: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 1213 GLENUGIE 4 (D,F) G Moore 11-6 ... N Bentley
2 5321 MYTTON'S CHOICE 7 (D,F) A Bailey 11-6 ... T Kent
3 BEYOND THE STARS 460F G Smith 10-12 ... K Johnson
4 3 DOUBLE DANCER 42 Denys Smith 10-12 ... P Niven
5 6 FRENCH 21 T Dyer 10-12 ... N Doughty
6 GRANDMAN 380F D Moffatt 10-12 ... D J Moffatt
7 AMNESIA 47F Mrs S Bradburne 10-7 ... R Murphy
8 UP THE MARINERS 89F D Robinson 10-7 ... M Robinson

2-1 Mytton's Choice, 11-4 Glenugie, 7-2 Double Dancer, 4-1 French, 12-1 Amnesia, 14-1 Grandman, 40-1 Beyond The Stars, 50-1 Up The Mariners.

2.40 PAT deCLERMONT CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£5,095: 2m 6f 110yd) (4)

1 -402 KUSHBALOO 14 (CD,BF,F,G) C Parker 9-11-10 ... B Storey
2 F-21 CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 18 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-2 ... T Jenks (3)
3 4-42 ZAM BEE 18 (F,G,S) W Reed 8-10-10 ... T Reed
4 BP-U CANTGETOUT 62 (S) C Pimney 8-10-0 ... J Callaghan

11-8 Kushbaloo, 7-4 Charlotte's Emma, 9-4 Zam Bee, 25-1 Cantgetout.

3.10 RAGS TO RICHES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,355: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 -234 GOLDEN ISLE 12 (D,F,G) J Charlton 10-12-0 ... B Storey
2 84-4 TAPATCH 11F (D,F,G) G Moore 6-11-9 ... J Callaghan
3 4013 VAIN PRINCE 18 (CD,BF,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-11-6 ... P Niven
4 -F31 ATHERTON GREEN 13F (D,F,G) J Glover 4-10-12 ... T Reed
5 3-31 BACK BEFORE DAWN 26 (D,G,S) P Monteith 7-10-5 T Jenks (3)

9-4 Atherton Green, 11-4 Back Before Dawn, 7-2 Vain Prince, 5-1 Tapatch, 8-1 Golden Isle.

3.40 CHESTERTON TROPHY (Handicap chase: £4,046: 2m 1f) (5)

1 -3U4 SONSIE MO 21 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-12-0 ... R Murphy (7)
2 2-53 TERRIBLE GEL 11 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-6 ... P Niven
3 1-11 BELDINE 42 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 9-11-3 ... T Jenks (3)
4 F3-2 CELTIC SONG 14 (CD,G,S) W Reed 7-10-11 ... T Reed
5 -433 SILVER HAZE 20 (D,BF,F,S) J Wade 10-10-0 ... D Ryan (7)

7-4 Beldine, 9-4 Terrible Gel, 3-1 Celtic Song, 6-1 Silver Haze, 16-1 Sonsie Mo.

4.10 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,460: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

1 331- PORTONIA 156 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-10 ... G Lee (7)
2 3P6- TROODOS 226 (F,G) Mrs S Austin 8-10-13 ... D Wilkinson
3 12-P MANGROVE MIST 6 (F,G) P Monteith 6-10-5 ... T Jenks (3)
4 R6-0 HAZEL LEAF 41 (CD,G,S) R McDonald 6-10-0 ... R Hodge
5 PP-0 MYTHICAL STORM 25 (G,S) C Pimney 7-10-0 ... J Callaghan
6 0R0- JUKE BOX BILLY 204 (F) J Johnson 6-10-0 ... S Taylor (7)
7 F0-4 LOVING OMEN 32 (C,S) Miss Z Green 7-10-0 ... A Lamach (3)

5-4 Portonia, 4-1 Mangrove Mist, 6-1 Mythical Storm, 7-1 Troodos, 12-1 Hazel Leaf, 20-1 Juke Box Billy, Loving Omen.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 37 winners from 105 runners, 34.5%, Mrs J Goodfellow, 10 from 35, 28.6%, N Tinkler, 6 from 26, 23.1%; R McDonald, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Monteith, 19 from 100, 19.0%, J Johnson, 8 from 50, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 45 winners from 122 rides, 36.9%; N Doughty, 23 from 87, 26.4%; Mrs A Farrell, 3 from 18, 16.7%, B Storey, 24 from 150, 16%; D J Moffatt, 5 from 37, 13.5%; Mr R Hale, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

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THUNDERER

1.00 Express Gift
1.30 Corner Boy
2.00 Addington Boy
2.30 MARTHA'S SON (nap)
3.00 Skircoat Green
3.30 Unguided Missile
4.00 Col Buckmore

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.00 BIRCHFIELD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,430: 2m) (16 runners)

1 2 BLACKPATCH HILL 25 (BF) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 5-11-0 ... M Dwyer 99
2 55 CHALLENGER DU LUC 8 (J & J Securities Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-0 ... J Lower 71
3 EXPRESS GIFT 46F (M Horner, H Young, and D S Arnold) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 N Smith –
4 5- I'M A DREAMER 28F (D Macleod) W Haigh 4-11-0 ... D Byrne 80
5 583- LITTLE GUNNER 328 (A Bailey) B Price 4-11-0 ... R Davis 86
6 4-3 LOBILIO 22F (P Leonard) D Burchell 5-11-0 ... D J Burchell 88
7 3/ MAYO MAN 714 (M Duffy) E Alston 5-11-0 ... A Procter (3) –
8 PINE RIDGE LAD 20F (Whitestonecliffe Racing) B Beasley 4-11-0 ... A Mulholland –
9 SLOTAMATIQUE (Slotamatics (Bolton) Ltd) G Richards 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin –
10 312- SMART ROOKIE 287 (B) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 4-11-0 ... A Maguire –
11 THORNTON GATE 18F (T Bassett) M H Easterby 5-11-0 ... L Wyer –
12 98- TONYS MIST 8F (E Hayward) J Bradley 4-11-0 ... R Farrant –
13 60-0 VAN DER GRASS 25 (F Gauss) M Barnes 5-11-0 ... G Cahill (7) –
14 2/0PP/ WAYLON 538 (Mrs L Joughin) J J O'Neill 6-11-0 ... A Roche –
15 6 WHITE CREEK 33 (K Fairbairn) M Barnes 4-11-0 ... C Llewellyn –
16 QUEENS CONSUL 20F (Miss H Davison) B Rothwell 4-10-9 ... R Supple –

BETTING: 7-2 Express Gift, 4-1 Blackpatch Hill, 5-1 Smart Rookie, 8-1 Queens Consul, 10-1 Thornton Gate, Lobilio, Challenger Du Luc, 14-1 others.

1993: TIME FOR A FLUTTER 4-10-9 M Fitzgerald (33-1) C James 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACKPATCH HILL 10l 2nd of 15 to Green Lane in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 2f, good). CHALLENGER DU LUC 18l 5th of 18 to Ballygoal Gaiff in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft). LITTLE GUNNER 4¾l 3rd of 10 to Giordano in novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy). LOBILIO 23l 3rd of 16 to Tejano Gold in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to soft). MAYO MAN 8½l 3rd of 7 to Texas Scramble in novice hurdle over course and distance (soft) November 1992. SMART ROOKIE 9l 2nd of 12 to Nahla in National Hunt flat race at Aintree (2m 110yd, heavy).

Selection: BLACKPATCH HILL

1.30 BOLTON NOVICES CHASE (£4,046: 3m) (7 runners)

1 0F241-4 AMBLESIDE HARVEST 25 (B,S) (G & P Barker) J J O'Neill 7-11-2 ... M Dwyer –
2 P32520- CASTIGLIERO 188 (B,S) (J McCarthy) C Brooks 6-11-2 ... G Bradley –
3 121411- CORNER BOY 286 (F,S) (Mrs E Wilson) D Nicholson 7-11-2 ... A Maguire –
4 P5-SP55 FIRST LORD 25 (B,G,S) (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-2 ... Richard Guest 81
5 /1322/1 PETOSKU 5 (G,S) (F Mills) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 ... C Llewellyn –
6 011216/ THISTLE MONARCH 321 (B,S) (J Gordon) G Richards 9-11-2 ... A Dobbin –
7 PP02P2- VULPIN DE LAUGERE 267 (M Stanners) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-2 ... J Burke 99

BETTING: 5-4 Corner Boy, 7-2 Petosku, 5-1 Castigliero, 8-1 Ambleside Harvest, 10-1 Thistle Monarch, 14-1 Vulpin De Laugere, 20-1 First Lord.

1993: EARTH SUMMIT 5-11-0 C Llewellyn (100-30) N Twiston-Davies 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMBLESIDE HARVEST 32l 4th of 10 to Really A Rascal in novice chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). CASTIGLIERO best effort last season when 1l 2nd of 12 to Attadale in a handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, soft). CORNER BOY completed double: beat Corrouge 1l in the 11-runner grade II Bellie Epoque Sefton Novices Hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, heavy). FIRST LORD 33l 5th of 9 to Fortune's Girl in a novice chase at Ayr (3m 1f, good). PETOSKU beat Tremendisto 2l in a 17-runner celebrity riders' National Hunt flat race at Bangor (1m 4f, good to soft). Previously 5l 2nd of 7 to Run Up The Flag in a handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, heavy). THISTLE MONARCH best effort in 1992/93, beat Carson City 12l in 11-runner novice handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 6f, good). VULPIN DE LAUGERE 1l 2nd of 14 to Lo Stregone in a novice chase at Carlisle (3m, soft).

Selection: VULPIN DE LAUGERE

2.00 WARRINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,900: 2m) (10 runners)

1 20-1432 REBEL KING 20 (G) (M Barnes) M Barnes 4-11-13 ... G Cahill (7) 90
2 3P0 DODGY DANCER 13 (Halewood Vintners Ltd) M Usher 4-11-11 ... C Llewellyn 91
3 6054- COMBELLINO 39F (C Macmillan) M Hammond 4-11-8 ... D Bentley 95
4 4/45-13 ADDINGTON BOY 67 (D,F) (Colt Foods Ltd) G Richards 6-11-7 ... A Dobbin 93
5 004044- EMERALD SEA 205 (Mrs C Alexander) J Barclay 7-11-6 ... M Dwyer 99
6 535-03 EDELWEISS 88 (F) (J Ennis) M Pipe 7-11-1 ... J Lower 93
7 055-31 CARIBBEAN SURFER 25 (D,G) (M Sawers) J Goldie 5-10-12 ... F Perratt (5) 98
8 PP0/3F0- FORTINA'S SONG 399 (B) (Mrs M Griffiths) S Griffiths 7-10-4 ... A Maguire 89
9 1F STEADFAST ELITE 21 (G) (J Clayton) J J O'Neill 3-10-0 ... A Roche 87
10 P/P0P0 SIDNEY SMITH 11 (The Sidney Smith Partnership) A Bailey 6-10-0 ... N Mann –

Long handicap: Steadfast Elite 9-9 Sidney Smith 9-4.

BETTING: 4-1 Caribbean Surfer, 9-2 Combellino, 6-1 Rebel King, 7-1 Edelweiss, 8-1 Emerald Sea, 10-1 Steadfast Elite, Addington Boy, 12-1 others.

1993: RED INDIAN 7-10-13 D Byrne (5-2) W Haigh 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

REBEL KING 2½l 2nd of 8 to Oakley in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to firm). DODGY DANCER best effort when 4¾l 3rd of 13 to Mr Vincent at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm) with REBEL KING (9lb better off) 8l 4th. COMBELLINO 3¼l 4th of 18 to Sallow in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m good). ADDINGTON BOY beat 2½l Bizarde 5l in 6-runner Perth novice hurdle (2m 110yd, good to firm) penultimate start with CARIBBEAN SURFER (9lb better) 2l 3rd. EDELWEISS 12l 3rd of 6 to Waterloo Ball in Kilbeggan novice hurdle (2m 5f, good). CARIBBEAN SURFER beat Heath Antar ¾l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). STEADFAST ELITE beat Solo Charter 5l in a 10-runner selling hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good) penultimate start.

Selection: EDELWEISS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Richards	34	102	33.3	J Lower	6	13	46.2
C Brooks	8	26	30.8	G Bradley	9	33	27.3
D Nicholson	6	20	30.0	A Maguire	6	29	20.7
M Pipe	23	36	29.2	C Llewellyn	4	21	19.0
Mrs M Reveley	5	22	22.7	M Dwyer	17	99	17.2
M H Easterby	8	37	21.6	L Wyer	8	48	16.7

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 GAMEKEEPERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,697: 2m) (4 runners)

1 814242- GENERAL PERSHING 228 (D,F,G,S) (J Potter) G Richards 8-12-0 ... A Dobbin 94
2 1220P0- CLAY COUNTY 196 (D,F,G,S) (Million In Mind) M Hammond 9-11-6 ... A Maguire 99
3 421111- MARTHA'S SON 218 (D,F,G,S) (P Harrigan) T Forster 7-10-10 ... C Llewellyn 96
4 321225/ SURE METAL 578 (CD,F,G,S) (Nolan Hardman) D McCain 11-10-10 ... D McCain (5) –

BETTING: 5-4 General Pershing, 7-4 Martha's Son, 5-2 Clay County, 6-1 Sure Metal.

1993: GOOD FOR A LAUGH 9-9-7 Mr D Parker (8-1) Mrs S Bramall 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GENERAL PERSHING 8l 2nd of 4 to Lumberjack in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, soft). CLAY COUNTY 29l 8th of 9 to Chief Minister in handicap hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good to firm). MARTHA'S SON beat Yorkshire Gale 12l in 4-runner novice chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good). SURE METAL 35l 5th of 11 to Sybillin in grade II Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot (2m, soft) penultimate start.

Selection: GENERAL PERSHING

3.00 PRESTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,402: 2m 7f 110yd) (15 runners)

1 13F331- IT'S THE PITS 193 (C,G,S) (Curtis Group) L Lungo 7-11-10 ... I Jardine 99
2 011020- IVY HOUSE 246 (S) (Mrs L Joughin) J J O'Neill 6-11-5 ... A Roche 97
3 1510-10 SIR PAGEANT 6 (G,S) (The Dirty Dozen) K Bridgwater 5-11-2 ... D Leahy 93
4 P/20016- RIDWAN 202 (S) (T Barr) K Morgan 7-11-0 ... R Massey (7) 98
5 U06131- SKIRCOAT GREEN 151 (G,S) (Calder Racing) P Beaumont 9-10-7 B Grattan (7) 96
6 P4P1P-0 HEATHYARDS BOY 32 (G,S) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 4-10-5 ... S Wynne 98
7 154064- BELLS HILL LAD 237 (S) (Mrs K Collies) J Barclay 7-10-4 ... R McGrath (7) 98
8 145F4-2 WHITE DIAMOND 23 (F,S) (M Allison) Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-3 ... R Davis 94
9 0P33-34 DANCING DOVE 41 (G) (Dr K Fraser) G Richards 6-10-2 ... B Harding (7) 98
10 01500-0 GOLDEN SAVANNAH 6 (B,S) (Mrs C Oxtoby) M W Easterby 4-10-1 ... R Farrant 95
11 0/11PPP- STAR OF OUGHTERARD 337 (B,F) (T O'Toole) R Simpson 9-10-0 K Dempsey (7) 81
12 6P1114- PATROCLUS 13F (S) (Applied Signs Ltd) J Mackie 9-10-0 ... T Eley 94
13 40-4131 RED TEMPEST 18 (F,G) (L Dunbar) J Goldie 6-10-0 ... F Perratt 90
14 10P- MOONSHINE DANCER 13F (F) (P Colquhoun) Mrs Reveley 4-10-0 M Herrington (7) 89
15 024/004- CLOGHRAN LAD 244 (G,S) (R Boulden) Mrs H Parrott 7-10-0 ... D Meredith 95

Long handicap: Star Of Oughterard 9-13, Patroclus 9-12, Red Tempest 9-9, Moonshine Dancer 9-7, Cloghran Lad 9-0.

BETTING: 3-1 Skircoat Green, 4-1 White Diamond, 7-1 Red Tempest, 8-1 Patroclus, 10-1 It's The Pits, Bells Hill Lad, 12-1 Ivy House, 14-1 others.

1993: FORTUNES WOOD 7-11-3 D Meade (14-1) T Thomson Jones 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

IT'S THE PITS beat Palacegate King 9l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Hexham (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) final start last season. SIR PAGEANT beat Anna Valley 2½l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good) penultimate start. SKIRCOAT GREEN beat Gratuity 3l in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Stratford (3m 3f, good) final start last season. WHITE DIAMOND 1¾l 2nd of 5 to Mowaru in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (3m 110yd, good). DANCING DOVE 28l 4th of 11 to With Impunity in handicap hurdle at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good). PATROCLUS best effort completing treble, beat Tusky 5l in 10-runner novice handicap hurdle at Bangor (3m, good to soft) with WHITE DIAMOND (9lb better off) 11½l 4th. RED TEMPEST beat Tony's Feelings 3½l in match for novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, firm).

Selection: IT'S THE PITS (nap)

3.30 BLACKPOOL EVENING GAZETTE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,085: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 40/523- UNGUIDED MISSILE 23 (D Harrison) G Richards 6-12-0 ... A Dobbin 90
2 P11F CAPTAIN CHANCE 28 (D,BF,G) (Mrs C Coward) Mrs C Coward 6-11-13 G Bradley 89
3 F40- AND WHY NOT 190 (Mrs C Van Praagh) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-10 C Llewellyn –
4 6022F2- SILVER AGE 298 (G) (Mrs S Bird) J Bradley 8-11-9 ... R Farrant 86
5 P22/2F4 FRUHMAN 12 (Mrs L Field) Mrs S Smith 8-11-7 ... Richard Guest 89
6 UP4P32- RIDAKA 221 (A Winterton) J Mackie 7-11-4 ... T Eley (3) 85
7 53/PF04- CHALIE RICHARDS 303 (Halewood Vintners) D McCain 7-11-2 ... D McCain (5) 99
8 5044F-3 CARDENDEN 23 (N Alexander) J Barclay 8-10-9 ... A Roche (5) 80

BETTING: 11-4 Unguided Missile, 3-1 And Why Not, 4-1 Captain Chance, 9-2 Silver Age, 6-1 Ridaka, 8-1 Fruhman, 10-1 Chalie Richards, 14-1 Cardenden.

1993: VALIANT WARRIOR 5-12-0 C Grant (11-8 fav) M Hammond 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNGUIDED MISSILE 10l 2nd of 5 to Brabazon in novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start last season. CAPTAIN CHANCE completed double, beat Murphy Street 10l in 9-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, good) penultimate start. SILVER AGE 2½l 2nd of 11 to Donegal Style in novice handicap chase at Edinburgh (3m, good) final start last season. FRUHMAN best effort 5l 2nd of 8 to Royal Vacation in novice chase at Hexham (2m 110yd, good to firm). RIDAKA 8l 2nd of 5 to Gallateen in novice chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft) final start last season.

Selection: CAPTAIN CHANCE

4.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,111: 2m) (9 runners)

1 F006-46 BRAMBLEBERRY 12 (D,S) (Hampsons Racing) Mrs S Smith 5-11-10 Richard Guest 94
2 5201F0- MASTER OF TROY 172F (D,G,S) (Chilton Fawcett) C Parker 6-11-4 G Bradley 90
3 210P3-1 WAKE UP 6 (D,F,G,S) (S Hammond) M H Easterby 7-11-4 (4ex) ... L Wyer 95
4 1413-43 COL BUCKMORE 4 (CD,F,G) (B Buckley) G Richards 6-11-2 ... A Dobbin 98
5 00635-0 BADRAKHANI 8 (D,G,S) (P Slade) C Nash 6-10-10 ... J R Kavanagh 99
6 1180-02 SOVEREIGN NICHE 16 (B,D,F,G,S) (Avaloo Surfacing) M Pipe 6-10-9 ... J Lower 89
7 0U5631- HECTOR MARIO 172 (F) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 6-10-2 ... A Maguire 95
8 451F0- KING ATHELSTAN 217 (D,G) (I Goise) K Morgan 6-10-2 ... A S Smith 91
9 315218- SAINT CIEL 8F (D,S) (Tarn Racing) F Jordan 6-10-0 ... J Lodder 88

BETTING: 5-2 Wake Up, 7-2 Col Buckmore, 5-1 Sovereign Niche, 7-1 Brambleberry, Hector Mario, 10-1 King Athelstan, 12-1 others.

1993: KYTTON CASTLE 6-9-11 D Meredith (8-1) R Dickin 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAMBLEBERRY 8½l 4th of 7 to Rarly's Dream in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good to firm). WAKE UP beat Perspicacity ¾l in a 20-runner handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good). COL BUCKMORE 4¾l 3rd of 15 to Daring Past in Wetherby handicap hurdle (2m, good). SOVEREIGN NICHE 3l 2nd of 7 to Allegation in Chepstow handicap hurdle (2m 110yd, good). HECTOR MARIO beat Flinstock 2½l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to firm) last season. KING ATHELSTAN best effort beat Corcheltino neck in 12-runner maiden hurdle at Edinburgh (2m, good) last season. SAINT CIEL beat Sharpside 8l in 6-runner novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, soft) penultimate start last season.

Selection: COL BUCKMORE

Barathea limbers up in cold climate

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT
IN LOUISVILLE

A BITTERLY cold morning greeted Barathea and Only Royale as they stepped out for their first glimpse of the racetrack at Churchill Downs, Kentucky, yesterday. With a wind-chill factor forcing temperatures down to 21 degrees, the first arrivals among Britain's 13-strong Breeders' Cup challenge could hardly have felt more at home.

Barathea, described by his trainer, Luca Cumani, as "one of the best horses I've ever had", looked in good spirits during a gentle canter on the dirt track. The colt is clearly unperturbed by the slight knock to the shin he sustained on a taxing 17-hour voyage which delivered him to the track on Sunday morning.

As Barathea and Only Royale loosened their limbs, and White Muzzle completed a six-furlong gallop on turf, the remainder of the British challenge boarded a plane 3,000 miles away at Stansted.

Due in last night, they will spend today in quarantine before testing the racetrack for the first time tomorrow morning — only 48 hours before the big day. The French contingent, by contrast, reached Churchill Downs yesterday afternoon.

The late departure of the bulk of Britain's challenge has been interpreted here as an additional hurdle to what is already a formidable assignment. The majority of Lochsong's Sprint opponents have been ensconsed at the track for more than a week. Experience of the Churchill Downs dirt surface is a definite asset.

D Wayne Lukas, the California-based trainer, put the European task in perspective when he said: "We have put the emphasis on the Breeders' Cup since July. It is a championship event. You can't just rock along; you need to peak for the day. Otherwise, the competition is just too tough."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CORNER BOY (1.30 Haydock Park)

Next best: Martha's Son (2.30 Haydock Park)

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

1.20 Elburg. 1.50 Kabayil. 2.20 Tejano Gold. 2.50 Toureen Prince. 3.20 Merlins Wish. 3.50 Henry Cone.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.20 ST MODWEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,987: 3m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 P33- CALLEROSE 203 T Forster 7-10-11 ... W Marston
2 CHACER'S IMP N Twiston-Davies 5-10-11 ... D Bridgwater
3 0-06 COMEINTOTHELIGHT 8 (V) H Kavanagh 6-10-11 ... M Brennan
4 2-36 GOLDEN MADJAMBO 16 F Jordan 8-10-11 ... J Lodder
5 0- XEANO 368 P Hobbs 5-10-11 ... G McCourt
6 2P-P MEGAMUNCH 11 R Juckes 6-10-11 ... T Wall
7 P-00 PRETTY BOY GEORGE 18 K Clutterbuck 5-10-11 ... D Walsh (5)
8 F10- UNLUCKY FOR SOME 186 (G) Mrs D Haine 5-10-11 ... J F Titley
9 4-12 WASHINGTON HEIGHTS 32 (F) C Mann 5-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
10 5-2 ELBURG 21 R Hoad 4-10-10 ... M Richards
11 46-2 SOLOMAN SPRINGS 33 Mrs V Ward 4-10-10 ... A Thornton
12 4- CORN BOW 327 J Chugg 5-10-6 ... W Humphreys
13 000- MISS NOSEY OATS 193 K Burke 6-10-6 ... Muredach Kelly (7)
14 /3F- MY TURN NEXT 386 K Hogg 6-10-6 ... Gary Lyons

7-2 Callerose, 9-2 Washington Heights, 5-1 Elburg, 7-1 Chacer's Imp, 8-1 Soloman Springs, 12-1 Comeintothelight, 14-1 Unlucky For Some, My Turn Next, 16-1 Pretty Boy George, 20-1 others.

1.50 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,614: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 1P0- KABAYIL 145F (G,S) C Egerton 5-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 12/ ALTERNATION 520 (G) J Webber 5-11-4 ... G McCourt
3 /23- KINOKO 37F (C,S) K Hogg 6-11-2 ... M Hourigan
4 0-01 DOOLAR 18 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Dalton 7-11-0 ... A P McCoy (5)
5 141- EASTERN PLEASURE 159 (B,CD,S) W Clay 7-10-12 Diane Clay
6 56-0 FOX CHAPEL 7 (C,D,G,S) R Juckes 7-10-11 ... G Tormey (7)
7 021- PRIMO FIGLIO 25F (B,C,S) Miss L Siddall 4-10-10 ... A Thornton
8 004- BURN BRIDGE 16F (V,D,F,G,S) L Lloyd-James 8-10-4 ... D Bridgwater

5-2 Doolar, 4-1 Primo Figlio, 9-2 Kabayil, 5-1 Kinoko, 6-1 Alternation, Eastern Pleasure, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 41 winners from 127 runners, 32.3%; C Egerton, 4 from 13, 30.8%, T Forster, 12 from 40, 30.0%; P Cheesbrough, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Bradstock, 3 from 14, 21.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 12 from 57, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 32 winners from 132 rides, 24.2%; M Hourigan, 3 from 13, 23.1%; G McCourt, 11 from 70, 15.7%; D Gallagher, 7 from 51, 13.7%, L Harvey, 4 from 30, 13.3%.

2.20 TMS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,656: 2m) (11)

1 3-13 TEJANO GOLD 12 (D,BF,S) P Bradley 4-11-10 ... W Humphreys
2 P332 SYLVAN SABRE 12 (CD,F) K Morgan 5-11-8 ... A S Smith
3 2/2- HOSTILE ACT 93F K Morgan 9-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
4 3/4- SILVERDALE FOX 382F K Hogg 7-11-0 ... M Hourigan
5 5-04 FOREVER SHINEING 11 (B) S Mellor 4-10-12 Chris Webb (7)
6 2003 PULMICORT 6 (B) Mrs M Jones 4-10-9 ... A P McCoy (5)
7 PU/3 BAROAISH 18 M Barraclough 7-10-5 ... D Bridgwater
8 R0-0 RUMPUS 6 C Broad 4-10-1 ... W Marston
9 0661 SIDE BAR 7 (B,G) M Ryan 4-10-0 (8ex) ... J Ryan
10 0-00 CALL THE KING 18 (B) K Clutterbuck 5-10-0 ... D Walsh (5)
11 P0-6 SALINGER 22 J Parkes 6-10-0 ... F Leahy (5)

3-1 Sylvan Sabre, 7-2 Tejano Gold, 5-1 Pulmicort, 7-1 Hostile Act, 8-1 Silverdale Fox, Side Bar, 12-1 Forever Shineing, 14-1 others.

2.50 TMS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,087: 2m 5f) (8)

1 12-4 MIDFIELDER 18 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-12-0 ... G McCourt
2 P5-3 SOUTHERN MINSTREL 14 (D,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 11-11-12 ... R Dunwoody
3 /2-1 TOUREEN PRINCE 32 (CD,G,S) Miss H Knight 11-11-9 ... Mr J M Pritchard
4 54-P LAUNDRYMAN 13 (G,S) M Bradstock 11-11-2 ... L Harvey
5 3P-2 ANDERMATT 11 (D,S) J Mackie 7-11-1 ... W Marston
6 311- DONT TELL THE WIFE 190 (CD,G,S) Mrs D Haine 8-10-8 ... D Bridgwater
7 21-2 CALL ME EARLY 12 (F,G) O Brennan 9-10-0 ... M Brennan
8 4035 MO ICHI DO 5 (CD,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-10-0 ... D Gallagher

9-4 Toureen Prince, 7-2 Dont Tell The Wife, 9-2 Andermatt, 6-1 Midfielder, 8-1 Laundryman, Call Me Early, 10-1 others.

3.20 EAST STAFFORDSHIRE NOVICES CHASE (£2,814: 2m) (7)

1 -11U MERLINS WISH 34 (D,BF,F) M Pipe 5-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
2 P3- CROPREDY LAD 285 (F) J Webber 7-10-12 ... G McCourt
3 04F- MAGELLAN BAY 225 Mrs J Pitman 6-10-12 ... W Marston
4 22/ NADIAD 551 (F,G) D McCain 8-10-12 ... D Gallagher
5 53-2 PETMER 28 (S) K Burke 7-10-12 ... D Bridgwater
6 2600 TUROLDUS 21 P Dalton 9-10-12 ... A P McCoy (5)
7 003/ WILL IT LAST 1304 N Babbage 8-10-7 ... W Humphreys

4-6 Merlins Wish, 4-1 Petmer, 6-1 Nadiad, 8-1 Magellan Bay, 12-1 Cropredy Lad, 14-1 Turoldus, 50-1 Will It Last.

3.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,082: 2m) (8)

1 000- BONE SETTER 242 S Mellor 4-11-0 ... Chris Webb (7)
2 0F0- CLOSE OF PLAY 242 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 ... D Bridgwater
3 0- FENCING MASTER 210 Mrs I McKie 5-11-0 ... L Harvey
4 244- HENRY CONE 179 S Christian 5-11-0 ... G McCourt
5 F-00 KINCADE 56 B Cambidge 4-11-0 ... Mr J Cambidge
6 0PP- OLD TICKLERTON 182 D McCain 5-11-0 ... D Gallagher
7 32- THREE PHILOSOPHERS 186 T Forster 5-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
8 21B- QUEENFORD BELLE 201 (G) Miss H Knight 4-10-9 ... R Marley

5-2 Henry Cone, 3-1 Close Of Play, 5-1 Three Philosophers, 6-1 Kincade, 8-1 Queenford Belle, 10-1 Fencing Master, 12-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Newcastle

Going: good to soft

1.15 (6f) 1, Inzar (T Quinn, 2-5 fav), 2, Seckar Vale (4-1); 3, Fantasy Racing (7-1). 5 ran. ½l, 1l. P Cole. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.40.

1.45 (7f) 1, Flamboro (J Weaver, 16-1); 2, Cool Steel (20-1); 3, Saint Amigo (14-1); 4, Euro Rebel (10-1). Doddington Flyer 7-1 fav. 20 ran. 1l, 1¼l. J Bethell. Tote: £19.60; £7.40, £4.90, £3.80, £1.90. DF: £216.00. Trio: £516.60. CSF: £297.28. Tricast: £4,119.43.

2.15 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, New Inn (Dale Gibson, 7-1); 2, Shadow Leader (4-1); 3, Sharp Falcon (100-30 fav). 9 ran. NR: Don't Answer That. 2½l, nk. E Weymes. Tote: £10.90; £3.80, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £33.20. Trio: £22.50. CSF: £34.16. Tricast: £102.30.

2.45 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Ballyranter (J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Chatty Lad (7-1 fav); 3, Soba Up (14-1); 4, Lam Fort (33-1). 27 ran. 3l, 2½l. H Collingridge. Tote: £14.10; £2.70, £2.50, £3.10, £23.40. DF: £21.90. Trio: £96.30. CSF: £72.31. Tricast: £828.58.

3.15 (7f) 1, Hedera (J Weaver, 7-2); 2, Hujjab (11-2); 3, Oneoftheoldones (2-1 fav). 13 ran. 1l, hd. M Stoute. Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £7.50. CSF: £24.44.

3.45 (5f) 1, Takadou (D Harrison, 6-1); 2, Palacegate Touch (10-1); 3, Night Melody (9-2). Inherent Magic 5-4 fav. 13 ran. ½l, 1½l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £7.10; £2.30, £3.30, £1.90. DF: £54.40. CSF: £65.32.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £18,548.40 carried forward to Kempton Park today).

Placepot: £120.70. Quadpot: £126.10.

Exeter

Going: good

1.30 (2m 2f) 1, Encore Un Peu (J Lower, 9-4); 2, Mouse Bird (16-1); 3, Badawi (66-1). General Crack 2-1 fav. 15 ran. 10l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.40; £2.10, £2.20, £9.10. DF: £151.80. CSF: £39.83.

2.00 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Kindle's Delight (J Osborne, 9-1); 2, Nuns Cone (14-1); 3, Marine Society (9-2 fav); 4, Galejade (12-1). 18 ran. 3½l, 2½l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £5.60; £1.10, £6.80, £2.00, £3.40. DF: £179.10. Trio: £98.70. CSF: £124.24. Tricast: £596.39.

2.30 (2m 2f) 1, Travado (J Osborne, 8-11 fav); 2, Absalom's Lady (5-1); 3, Deep Sensation (11-2). 6 ran. 3l, 15l. N Henderson. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.60.

3.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Nordic Crown (R Dunwoody, 3-1 fav); 2, Minster's Madam (11-2); 3, Loose Change (4-1). 11 ran. 5l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £2.30, £1.30. DF: £14.70. CSF: £19.99.

3.30 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Celtic Prince (C Llewellyn, 5-1); 2, Sunley Bay (9-1); 3, Meleagris (4-1 jt-fav). Clever Shepherd 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. 3l, 1½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £7.70; £1.60, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £38.90. Trio: £76.70. CSF: £44.75. Tricast: £180.34.

4.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Chickabiddy (A P McCoy, 14-1); 2, Beam Me Up Scotty (8-1); 3, Nagobelia (7-2 jt-fav). The Caumrue 7-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. 3l, 3½l. G Edwards. Tote: £17.50; £3.30, £2.20, £2.30. DF: £30.50. Trio: £60.90. CSF: £107.04. Tricast: £485.23.

4.30 (2m 2f) 1, Lyphantastic (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Garryiough (9-2); 3, King Lucifer (4-5 fav). 14 ran. 2½l, 8l. C Mann. Tote: £9.00; £2.30, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £19.70. CSF: £38.32.

Placepot: £171.70. Quadpot: £30.10.

□ Jason Weaver took his season's tally to 196 with a double on Flamboro and Hedera at Newcastle yesterday.

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Bailey loses his lengthy battle with knee injury

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS Bailey, the former British No 3, confirmed yesterday that he has been obliged to heed medical advice and retire prematurely at the age of 26. Speaking at the opening of the national tennis championships at Telford, where he has twice been the runner-up, he revealed that he had no option.

He was told last month that his right knee, which has been surgically repaired five times since 1990, can no longer adequately support him in his chosen profession. Had he continued, after undergoing yet another operation, he would almost certainly have been crippled for life.

His career has been under threat since, as a 21-year-old, he snapped his anterior cruciate ligament. He had already signalled his promise by reaching the quarter-finals at Queen's on grass, his favourite surface, and climbing to 126th in the world rankings. It was to be his peak.

He did rise to national prominence, though, after he had fully recovered from the serious injury. At Wimbledon last year he held a match point against Goran Ivanisevic, then the world's No 5, but irreversible damage was being inflicted by the cumulative effect of cartilage problems.

Further arthroscopy, conducted after he had been beaten by Jeremy Bates in last year's national final, enabled him to compete again at Wimbledon, but his mobility was severely restricted. Last month he was given virtually no room to manoeuvre by his surgeon, David Dandy, in Cambridge.

Five years before he imagined he would hang up his racket, he is considering a new career, preferably in the media. He has also had informal talks with Billy Knight, the Davis Cup captain, on the prospect of joining the Lawn Tennis Association as a coach.

Although he approves of the present system, in which the leading players train in squads, he believes that the most talented would benefit from working with individual coaches. He himself considered "breaking away" in 1989 with Nigel Sears.

Bailey's equivalent among the British women, Jo Durie, was on the verge of leaving, if not retiring, early as well. Seven times the former national champion, the 34-year-old had originally been in the same quarter of the draw as Clare Wood, the holder and top seed.

She was moved into the place which had been reserved for Monique Javer, the sixth seed, who offered no reason for her belated withdrawal. Durie, once ranked the world's No 5 but recently dogged by a variety of injuries, was a set and 1-3 down to Sara Tse, from the Isle of Man.

She eventually went through to the second round but a couple of the women's seeds did not. Mandy Wainwright, the fifth, who reached the semi-final last year, succumbed to Lucie Ahl, a Devonian ranked marginally higher than her in the world, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Claire Taylor, the seventh, shared the centre court at this year's Wimbledon with Martina Navratilova. Her fate yesterday, in more humble surroundings and against a less auspicious opponent, was the same. She went out to Lorna Woodroffe, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

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Venus Williams, 14, warms up before making a successful debut on the professional tennis circuit in the Bank of the West Classic in Oakland, California, yesterday. Williams beat Shaun Stafford, her fellow American and 12 years her senior, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round. "This is very close to the happiest day of my life," Williams said. "I wasn't sure what to expect. It was a lot more fun than I thought it would be." Williams faces the top seed, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, today. Photograph: Blake Sell

'S Africans prepared to gamble for tough assignment

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF THE South African rugby union touring team's colours are to be lowered outside the internationals, it will surely be this week or not at all. Tonight they face Neath at the Gnoll and on Saturday, Swansea, the Heineken League leaders, at a time when they are trying different combinations, at half back and in the forwards.

The last touring side to visit Neath, Bob Dwyer's Australians of 1992, received an uncomfortable welcome but Neath have never respected reputations, nor do they believe that the South Africans are guilty of over-zealous play.

"Good, hard rucking is something to be appreciated as a vital skill of the game," David Pickering, Neath's coach, said. "Kicking is different. There is no place in the game for that. But I have no complaint with legitimate rucking."

Neath repose considerable faith in their youngsters, Arwel Thomas at stand-off half and Lee Davies on the wing, while eight of the XV who lost 16-8 to the Australians will be playing. The South Africans pair Joel Stransky and Kevin Putt at half back for the first time on tour, while Gary Teichmann makes his fourth appearance in the back row.

The sponsors of the tour, CIS, also support England's divisional championship which begins on November 19 when the champions, the South-West, play London at Bristol and North meet the Midlands at Otley. Steve Ojomoh will play at flanker for South-West at the behest of the England management.

NEATH: P Thorburn; C Higgs, J Bird, H Woodland, L Davies; A Thomas, R Jones; Brian Williams, Barrie Williams, J Davies, A Kembury, G Llewellyn, C Wyatt, C Scott, S Williams.

SOUTH AFRICANS: G Johnson; C Badenhorst, P Muller, B Venter, J Olivier; J Stransky, K Putt; P du Randt, J Dalton, I Hattingh, C Strauss, J Wiese, H Hattingh, E van der Bergh, G Teichmann.

Referee: R Megson (Scotland).

RADIO CHOICE

The politics of feminism

Patricia's Party. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

The party is political, not social; there are no fun and games in part one of Tony Mulholland's drama serial. This is partly because the party is John Major's Conservative Party. More fundamentally, it is because Patricia (feistily played by Lucy Tregear) is a would-be MP with ramrod feminist principles — like a stick of rock with "Thatcher" all the way through it. The very last things the selection board want to hear when she appears before them are such sour anti-Majorisms as "The party has run out of steam . . . out of touch with the people . . . needs a shot of adrenalin". All this and babies too, plus a politically unsympathetic husband and intimations of infidelity. *Patricia's Party* really cannot go wrong.

Concert Hall. *Radio 3, 1.00pm.*

The new season of live concerts from London's Wigmore Hall opens with two glorious works for solo cello that owe their existence to happenstance. Be grateful, then, for this historic case of musical serendipity when you listen to Ralph Kirschbaum play two of Bach's six suites for unaccompanied cello, the Nos 2 and 5. All the pages of the manuscript were found wrapped around some fruit trees, protecting them from the frost. Even more bizarre, the manuscript of Bach's six sonatas for unaccompanied violin came to light in a grocer's shop. They were about to be used to wrap up some butter. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, *including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat* **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session: featuring No Big Deal's demo tapes **9.00** Chris Morris with anarchic comedy **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy, including **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan, Incl **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Martyn Lewis **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Paul Heiney **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2: Featuring America's foremost interpreters of traditional music, Jeff Warner and Jeff Davis **8.00** *Who Knows Where the Time Goes — the* Story of English Folk Rock, presented by Ralph McTell (1/4) **9.00** Frank Hennessy's Wales **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** *The Magazine with Diana Madill*, including at **10.35** Euronews **11.15** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide: news and sport **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Barcelona v Manchester United **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.00-5.00** Up All *Night, with Rhod Sharp*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** News **5.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: *Palace Walk* **7.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Top Scores **8.30** Meganix **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** Turkey: An Ethnic Mosaic **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus *10.30 Jazz for the Asking* **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** Among My Souvenirs **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Two Cheers for October **4.00** News **4.10** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Kaleidoskop **8.00** *News* **8.10** *Words of Faith* **8.15** World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Sport **11.00** News **11.30am** Multitrack: X-Press **12.00** News **12.10am** News **12.15** Greenfield Collection **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.45** Farming World **2.00** News **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** Paul Coyte **2.00-6.00am** Janey *Lee Grace*

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Catriona Young. Bonporti (Violin Concerto in F, Op 11 No 5: Collegium Musicum, with Simon Standage, violin); Stanford (Three Motets, Op 38: Cambridge Singers under John Rutter); Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 9 No 1: Edinburgh Quartet); Massenet (Suite, Cendrillon: Hong Kong PO under Kenneth Jean); Purcell (Sound the Trumpet: King's Consort under Robert King, with James Bowman and Michael Chance, countertenors); Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Op 24: Julius Katchen, piano)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Sibelius (Valse triste, Op 44 No 1, Kuolema; The Tempest, Op 109, excerpt; Suite, Swanwhite, Op 54, excerpt)
10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Arnold (Scottish *Dances: Philharmonia* Orchestra); Mozart (Quintet in E flat, K452); Gounod (Love duet, Faust: Margrit Angerer, soprano, Alfred Piccaver, tenor); Giuliani (Guitar Concerto in A, Op 30: Julian Bream, guitar, Melos Ensemble); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G, Op 31 No 1: Alfred Brendel, piano); Lennox Berkeley (Divertimento: LPO); Schubert *(Der Leiermann: Harry* Plunkett-Green, baritone); Johann Strauss, son (Csardas, Ritter Pazman: Vienna Philharmonic)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn (r)
1.00pm Concert Hall: See Choice
2.00 Schools: Together: An Assembly for Schools **2.20** Time and Tune **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Record Review: Wagner (Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong, from Wakefield Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine: Arvo Pärt's (Spiegel im Spiegel)
5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen
7.30 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Mozart (Symphony No 25 in G minor); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor: Cécile Ousset). **8.20** A Way a Lone: The music of Toru Takemitsu. **8.40** *Takemitsu* (How Slow the Wind); Debussy (La mer)
9.45 Quad Wrangles, with Russell Davies
10.05 Bernard d'Ascoli, piano, performs Chopin (Prelude in D minor, Op 28 No 4; Scherzo in B minor, Op 20; *Three Mazurkas, Op 63;* Mazurkas, Op 59 Nos 2 and 3; Polonaise in A flat, Op 53) (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine on Stephen Daldry's new play *The Editing Process* by Meredith Oakes; and an operatic collaboration in Amsterdam between Louis Andriessen and Peter Greenaway
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Jill *Anderson presents* Marie-Noëlle Kendall, piano, with the Britten Quartet performing Brahms (Ballades, Op 10; String Quartet in A minor, Op 5 No 2)
1.00-1.40 Night School: Spanish 14-16 — Radio Ondas

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00 News; Gosling on France (FM only): Ray Gosling enjoys the driverless trains of Lille and looks at new inventions in Paris
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only) (38/41) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *Knowledge of Angels*, by Jill Paton Walsh (2/13). Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Deirdre Brehan
12.25pm Kipling in Love: Venus Annodomini. The third of eight plays based on short stories by Rudyard Kipling, dramatised for radio by Ed Thomason **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Cox
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Patricia's Party. See Choice
2.45 Treasure Islands, presented by Michael Rosen. Jill Burridge talks to authors, parents and children about books which focus on divorce
3.00 News; Anderson Country, with Gerry Anderson
4.00 News; 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Quentin Cooper takes a look at *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh, and considers the role of women in rock and roll
4.45 Short Story: Out of Sorts, by Bernard Taylor. Read by Patricia Garwood
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: In the last of the series, the London team of Irene Thomas and *Eric Korn take on Scotland,* represented by Joyce McMillan and Colin Bell (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite presents the last in the series
7.45 All in the Mind: Professor *Anthony Clare explores the* fascination of fire (r)
8.15 Costing the Earth: Mark Whittaker asks if Britain's degraded rivers will ever be restored to their former glory
8.45 Foot in the Door: The joys *and sorrows of door-to-door* selling (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The *Ramayana of Valmiki, Third of* a ten-part dramatisation by Rani Singh and Alby James
11.00 Scotland up the Fifties: The Prosperous Path. Presented by Magnus Magnusson (r)
11.30-12.00 Postcard from Gotham (FM only): Mark Steyn plays trick or treat on his guests (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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THE TIMES

COURAGE FIRST XV

The aim is to select the 15 players who will amass the highest score in the Courage Clubs Championship. Scores are calculated by multiplying each player's actual score by a rating factor, based on his past scoring record.

THE LEADING 50 ENTRIES

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Notts One	Mr Justin Nott	213	3335
2 Pendeen	Mr JTO Jones	379	3245
3 Baby In Waiting	Mr Gary Pierce	233	3079
4 Fish City XV	Mr P Hyland	296	3056
5 Who Ate All The	Mr Steve Blake	329	2996
6 LJ Wanderers	Mr Christopher Jones	140	2985
7 Grimsye Gritters	Mr G Neal	504	2960
8 Toppers X V	P Gorring	358	2946
9 Dribblings	Mr M Dickson	306	2945
10 E S Vitry	Mr T Nadin	314	2927
11 Crash Ball Viper	Mr D Edwards	329	2895
12 Dillicutaire	HLB Siberton	219	2891
13 No team name	Mr D MacNally	137	2882
14 Liadan	Mr A Newbold	298	2869
15 Dave's Boys	Mr William Dempsey	314	2856
16 The Cobblers	Mr T Harrison	250	2846
17 Playtub Auras	Mr P Astbury	409	2841
18 Old Bogmarians	TGP Sparle	203	2798
19 Savvy Superstars	Mrs P Saverimutto	383	2772
20 Julian Clareys	Mr D Crane	60	2771
21 Lamb Chops XV	Mr M Deasy	239	2770
22 Ale	Ms Jennifer Fitton	284	2766
23 Baroque Bowmen	Mr AK Jenkinson	542	2756
24 Walham Fitters	Mr Simon Stone	226	2755
25 Beaufort Bruiser	Mr M Patterson	134	2745
26 No team name	Mr R Stackpole	135	2739
27 Bobs	Mr N Rhodes	432	2736
28 Celtic Fringe	Mr J Marshall	314	2719
29 DLSP RFC	Mr M McCrum	285	2718
30 Moose Select XV	Mr R McKinley	329	2718
31 Windsor's XV	Mr W Roberts	175	2716
32 Ales Fidelis	Maj A McCabbin	464	2716
33 Second XV	D Ewart	289	2715
34 Norman Laddies	Mr John Norman	161	2710
35 Telegraph Reader	Mr R Owsley	84	2709
36 Cosby Saints	Mr HE Hughes	284	2708
37 Chesham Stags	Mr N McHale	276	2705
38 The Oggies	G Hicks	192	2702
39 Belmont	Mrs Fedda McFarland	179	2694
40 Pointophobes XV	Dr E George	269	2686
41 Div Two Allstars	CB Lines	304	2665
42 Kirsty's Dream	Ms M Carter	314	2658
43 Messers Marauder	Mr Tim Messer	279	2655
44 Price Warriors	J Richards	450	2656
45 The Muggles	Mr D McGrath	384	2655
46 Old Digbethians	Mr D Fionla	427	2651
47 D N S Wanderers	Mr JA Currie	338	2648
48 Hedoalsts	Mr A Coxon	329	2648
49 Deja Vu All Star	BT Dove-Edwin	384	2645
50 The Welsh Exiles	Mr E G Shedherd	249	2637

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORE

The first half of the Courage Clubs Championship will be completed on Saturday and the results will be published on November 9. If you want to enter a new team selection for the competition covering the second half only (the nine league matches between January 7 and April 29), instructions will appear early next month.

Mr K White of Horsham, West Sussex, is this week's winner with 707 rated points. This score lifts his team, Sahwe XV, *to 250th place overall. He has Buckton of Saracens (180 points) and* Ericksson of London Scottish (150 points) to thank for the bulk of his score.

Mr White wins two cases of Courage beer and a fully-installed BT satellite system. His nominated club is Sunallon, which receives five *cases of Courage Directors Bitter, a Courage Best England shirt and a* table for ten at the Courage lunch before England's match against Canada at Twickenham on December 10.

With just one week of the competition to go, Mr J Nott of Bristol retains his slender lead of 90 points over Mr J Jones of Rickmansworth, *Hertfordshire, with Mr Gary Pierce in third place.*

THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

The Courage 1st XV - Week 8 - OCTOBER 29 1994

PLAYER	CLUB	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
1 J CALLARD	Bath	2K	17	34	142
2 P HULL	Bristol	11	0	0	55
3 M MAPLETOFT	Gloucester	4K	6	24	244
4 D PEARS	Harlequins	15	0	0	0
5 W KILFORD	Leicester	17	0	0	0
6 I HUNTER	Northampton	13	0	0	65
7 S TABERNER	Orrell	18	0	0	0
8 J MALLINDER	Sale	13	0	0	160
9 A BUZZA	Wasps	17	0	0	0
10 X OLIPHANT	West Hartlepool	6K	0	0	312
LEAGUE 2					
11 R GEE	Coventry	16	0	0	0
12 A PARKER	Fylde	5K	5	25	300
13 R HENNESSY	London Irish	19	0	0	285
14 D MILLARD	London Scottish	16	0	0	240
15 C DOSSETT	Moseley	17	0	0	0
16 S MASON	Newcastle Gosforth	8K	8	48	552
17 M GALLAGHER	Nottingham	7K	0	0	434
18 A TUNNINGLEY	Saracens	4K	13	52	336
19 M JACKSON	Wakefield	5K	6	30	435
20 S SWINDELLS	Waterloo	4K	15	60	339
14. RIGHT WING					
21 A SWIFT	Bath	10	0	0	150
22 D JOHN	Bristol	12	0	0	60
23 P HOLFORD	Gloucester	14	0	0	140
24 J KEYTER	Harlequins	16	0	0	80
25 T UNDERWOOD	Leicester	10	5	50	150
26 H THORNEYCROFT	Northampton	15	0	0	0
27 J NAYLOR	Orrell	12	0	0	60
28 S VERBICKAS	Sale	7	0	0	105
29 P HOPLEY	Wasps	11	5	55	110
30 O EVANS	West Hartlepool	12	5	60	60
31 B EVANS	Coventry	14	0	0	0
32 B HANAVAN	Fylde	9K	0	0	135
33 M CORCORAN	London Irish	6K	14	84	630
34 T WATSON	London Scottish	10	0	0	0
35 D HANSON	Moseley	12	0	0	0
36 D CASADO	Newcastle Gosforth	13	0	0	65
37 R BYROM	Nottingham	14	0	0	0
38 M KEMP	Saracens	16	0	0	0
39 K MORLEY	Wakefield	13	0	0	195
40 G MEREDITH	Waterloo	14	0	0	0
13. OUTSIDE CENTRE					
41 P DE GLANVILLE	Bath	13	0	0	65
42 A SAVERIMUTTO	Bristol	9	0	0	0
43 S MASLEN	Gloucester	17	0	0	0
44 G THOMPSON	Harlequins	16	0	0	240
45 I BATES	Leicester	17	0	0	0
46 K MORGAN	Northampton	15	0	0	0
47 S LANGFORD	Orrell	7K	6	42	257
48 J BAXENDELL	Sale	17	5	85	170
49 D HOPLEY	Wasps	14	0	0	350
50 A ELWINE	West Hartlepool	22	5	110	110
51 M CURTIS	Coventry	23	0	0	0
52 P SEED	Fylde	19	0	0	0
53 R HENDERSON	London Irish	19	5	95	475
54 M SLY	London Scottish	23	0	0	0
55 J BONNEY	Moseley	20	0	0	0
56 R WILKINSON	Newcastle Gosforth	13	0	0	260
57 A FURLEY	Nottingham	22	0	0	110
58 J BUCKTON	Saracens	18	10	180	180
59 A METCALFE	Wakefield	22	0	0	0
60 A NORTHEY	Waterloo	23	0	0	115
12. INSIDE CENTRE					
61 J GUSCOTT	Bath	10	0	0	0
62 R KNIBBS	Bristol	13	0	0	0
63 S MORRIS	Gloucester	15	0	0	360
64 W CARLING	Harlequins	12	0	0	80
65 G POTTER	Leicester	13	0	0	0
66 N BEAL	Northampton	8	0	0	0
67 I WYNN	Orrell	14	0	0	290
68 G STOCKS	Sale	17	0	0	170
69 G CHILDS	Wasps	16	0	0	240
70 P HODDER	West Hartlepool	15	5	75	225
71 M LAKEY	Coventry	12	0	0	132
72 S GOUGH	Fylde	17	0	0	85
73 S BURNS	London Irish	14	0	0	0
74 R ERICKSSON	London Scottish	15	10	150	180
75 A KERR	Moseley	7K	0	0	63
76 M TETLOW	Newcastle Gosforth	20	0	0	0
77 B MUSTO	Nottingham	21	0	0	105
78 S RAVENSCROFT	Saracens	19	0	0	0
79 P WHITE	Wakefield	20	0	0	0
80 A HANDLEY	Waterloo	13	0	0	0
11. LEFT WING					
81 S GEOGHEGAN	Bath	10	5	50	30
82 S CROSSLAND	Bristol	12	0	0	0
83 T SMITH	Gloucester	5K	0	0	75
84 D O'LEARY	Harlequins	7	0	0	35
85 R UNDERWOOD	Leicester	11	0	0	0
86 C MOIR	Northampton	14	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	Orrell	13	0	0	0
88 M APPLESON	Sale	16	0	0	160
89 S HUNTER	Wasps	14	0	0	140
90 D COOKE	West Hartlepool	14	0	0	70
91 D WOODMAN	Coventry	11	0	0	0
92 G ANDERTON	Fylde	15	0	0	180
93 V ROLANDI	London Irish	12	0	0	0
94 S WICHARY	London Scottish	9	2	18	153
95 E ANDERSON	Moseley	14	0	0	0
96 T PENN	Newcastle Gosforth	12	5	60	180
97 A SMALLWOOD	Nottingham	9	0	0	45
98 P HARRIES	Saracens	12	5	60	180
99 R THOMPSON	Wakefield	13	0	0	195
100 S GREENHALGH	Waterloo	16	0	0	0
10. STAND-OFF					
101 M CATT	Bath	10	0	0	250
102 M TAINTON	Bristol	2K	6	12	194
103 L OSBORNE	Gloucester	10	0	0	0
104 P CHALLINOR	Harlequins	7K	6	42	357
105 J HARRIS	Leicester	2K	22	44	359
106 P GRAYSON	Northampton	3K	11	33	264
107 G AINSCOUGH	Orrell	6K	0	0	65
108 P TURNER	Sale	3K	10	30	183
109 R ANDREW	Wasps	2K	7	14	196
110 J STABLER	West Hartlepool	5K	0	0	60
111 R ANGELL	Coventry	5K	3	15	300
112 I BARCLAY	Fylde	17	0	0	323
113 D COBBE	London Irish	22	0	0	66
114 M WALKER	London Scottish	6K	9	45	270
115 S HODGKINSON	Moseley	5K	6	30	385
116 I CHANDLER	Newcastle Gosforth	9K	0	0	45
117 N CARROLL	Nottingham	12	0	0	0
118 A LEE	Saracens	13	0	0	221
119 R PEYT	Wakefield	10	8	80	80
120 N RYAN	Waterloo	24	0	0	456
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 I SANDERS	Bath	16	0	0	80
122 K BRACKEN	Bristol	13	0	0	0
123 B FENLEY	Gloucester	15	0	0	0
124 R KITCHIN	Harlequins	18	0	0	0
125 A KARDOONI	Leicester	19	0	0	95
126 M DAWSON	Northampton	16	0	0	80
127 D MORRIS	Orrell	12	0	0	80
128 C SAVERIMUTTO	Sale	22	0	0	0
129 S BATES	Wasps	16	0	0	0
130 J WRIGLEY	West Hartlepool	14	0	0	0
131 M DOUGLAS	Coventry	22	5	110	550
132 C O'TOOLE	Fylde	23	0	0	0
133 R SAUNDERS	London Irish	19	0	0	95
134 K TROUP	London Scottish	23	3	69	483
135 G BECCONSALL	Moseley	20	0	0	0
136 S DOUGLAS	Newcastle Gosforth	14	0	0	0
137 A ROYER	Nottingham	24	0	0	0
138 B DAVIES	Saracens	18	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	Wakefield	16	0	0	48
140 S WRIGHT	Waterloo	25	0	0	125
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	Bath	33	0	0	0
142 A SHARP	Bristol	41	0	0	0
143 A WINDO	Gloucester	39	0	0	0
144 J LEONARD	Harlequins	35	0	0	0
145 G ROWNTREE	Leicester	37	0	0	0
146 M HYNES	Northampton	40	0	0	0
147 P WINSTANLEY	Orrell	36	0	0	114
148 P SMITH	Sale	46	0	0	0
149 G HOLMES	Wasps	37	0	0	0
150 P LANCASTER	West Hartlepool	44	0	0	0
151 G TREGALIS	Coventry	47	0	0	0
152 C BURNS	Fylde	44	0	0	0
153 N DONOVAN	London Irish	33	0	0	0
154 A STEWART	London Scottish	45	0	0	0
155 M LINNETT	Moseley	30	0	0	150
156 M FRASER	Newcastle Gosforth	39	0	0	0
157 M FREER	Nottingham	46	0	0	0
158 R ANDREWS	Saracens	37	0	0	0
159 R SZABO	Wakefield	38	0	0	0
160 S PETERS	Waterloo	39	0	0	0
2. HOOKER					
161 G DAWE	Bath	34	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	Bristol	40	0	0	200
163 D KEARSEY	Gloucester	38	0	0	0
164 B MOORE	Harlequins	35	0	0	175
165 R COCKERILL	Leicester	38	0	0	0
166 A CLARKE	Northampton	40	0	0	0
167 T REDMOND	Orrell	39	0	0	0
168 S DIAMOND	Sale	33	0	0	0
169 K DUNN	Wasps	35	0	0	0
170 S MITCHELL	West Hartlepool	31	0	0	0
171 D ADDLETON	Coventry	46	0	0	0
172 A MOFFAT	Fylde	47	0	0	0
173 R KELLAM	London Irish	39	0	0	0
174 L MAIR	London Scottish	42	0	0	0
175 D BALL	Moseley	38	0	0	0
176 A HETHERINGTON	Newcastle Gosforth	33	0	0	165
177 D WEST	Nottingham	28	5	140	140
178 G BOTTERMAN	Saracens	41	0	0	0
179 T GARNETT	Wakefield	37	0	0	185
180 M HAYTON	Waterloo	46	0	0	0
3. TIGHT HEAD PROP					
181 V UBOGU	Bath	20	0	0	0
182 D HINKINS	Bristol	41	0	0	0
183 A DEACON	Gloucester	32	0	0	0
184 A MULLINS	Harlequins	39	0	0	0
185 D GARFORTH	Leicester	35	0	0	0
186 C ALLEN	Northampton	40	0	0	0
187 J CUNDICK	Orrell	44	0	0	0
188 A SMITH	Sale	40	0	0	0
189 I DUNSTAN	Wasps	37	0	0	185
190 D RUSBY	West Hartlepool	49	0	0	0
191 R HARDWICK	Coventry	36	0	0	0
192 S RIGBY	Fylde	49	0	0	0
193 G HALPIN	London Irish	38	0	0	180
194 P BURNELL	London Scottish	42	0	0	0
195 N WEBBER	Moseley	45	0	0	0
196 P VANZANDVLIET	Newcastle Gosforth	32	0	0	160
197 A JACKSON	Nottingham	36	0	0	0
198 S WILSON	Saracens	39	0	0	0
199 S MCMAIN	Wakefield	39	0	0	0
200 M BECKETT	Waterloo	38	0	0	0
4. LOCK RH					
201 N REDMAN	Bath	30	0	0	0
202 S SHAW	Bristol	37	0	0	0
203 R WEST	Gloucester	41	0	0	0
204 A SNOW	Harlequins	30	0	0	0
205 M JOHNSON	Leicester	32	0	0	320
206 N EDWARDS	Northampton	36	0	0	0
207 C COOPER	Orrell	37	0	0	0
208 D BALDWIN	Sale	31	0	0	155
209 R KINSEY	Wasps	35	0	0	175
210 J DIXON	West Hartlepool	34	0	0	0
211 J HYDE	Coventry	48	0	0	0
212 P O'NEIL	Fylde	48	0	0	0
213 C HALL	London Irish	42	0	0	0
214 A NISBET	London Scottish	40	0	0	0
215 G WATSON	Moseley	36	0	0	0
216 J FOWLER	Newcastle Gosforth	40	0	0	0
217 D HINDMARCH	Nottingham	46	0	0	0
218 M LANGLEY	Saracens	43	0	0	0
219 S CROFT	Wakefield	40	0	0	0
220 P WHITE	Waterloo	48	0	0	240
5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	Bath	38	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	Bristol	35	0	0	0
223 D SIMS	Gloucester	36	0	0	180
224 B DAVISON	Harlequins	40	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	Leicester	34	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	Northampton	32	0	0	0
227 C CUSANI	Orrell	40	0	0	0
228 R MCCARTNEY	Sale	39	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	Wasps	32	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	West Hartlepool	46	0	0	0
231 R MACKIE	Coventry	37	0	0	0
232 J TAYLOR	Fylde	36	0	0	780
233 A HIGGINS	London Irish	36	0	0	0
234 R SCOTT	London Scottish	40	0	0	0
235 E LLOYD	Moseley	36	0	0	0
236 G ARCHER	Newcastle Gosforth	40	0	0	400
237 C GRAY	Nottingham	42	0	0	0
238 M BURROW	Saracens	44	0	0	0
239 D FALKINGHAM	Wakefield	46	0	0	0
240 N ALLOTT	Waterloo	48	0	0	0
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER					
241 S OJOMOH	Bath	21	0	0	0
242 I PATTEN	Bristol	24	0	0	120
243 P GLANVILLE	Gloucester	27	0	0	0
244 T COKER	Harlequins	20	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	Leicester	24	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	Northampton	22	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	Orrell	29	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	Sale	18	0	0	0
249 M GREENWOOD	Wasps	27	0	0	135
250 D MITCHELL	West Hartlepool	33	0	0	0
251 L CROFTS	Coventry	34	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	Fylde	34	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	London Irish	29	0	0	0
254 I MORRISON	London Scottish	32	0	0	160
255 R POLL	Moseley	29	0	0	145
256 M CORRY	Newcastle Gosforth	20	0	0	200
257 N BERRY	Nottingham	30	0	0	0
258 J GREEN	Saracens	28	0	0	420
259 P STEWART	Wakefield	32	0	0	180
260 D BLYTH	Waterloo	24	0	0	0
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	Bath	23	0	0	230
262 D EVES	Bristol	20	0	0	500
263 I SMITH	Gloucester	26	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	Harlequins	27	0	0	0
265 N BACK	Leicester	13	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	Northampton	29	0	0	0
267 S BIBBY	Orrell	26	0	0	0
268 N ASHURST	Sale	30	0	0	300
269 L DALLAGLIO	Wasps	27	5	135	405
270 A BROWN	West Hartlepool	29	5	145	145
271 J HORROBIN	Coventry	32	0	0	160
272 I ASHTON	Fylde	33	0	0	165
273 P HEARY	London Irish	29	0	0	0
274 I DIXON	London Scottish	30	0	0	0
275 M ORD	Moseley	28	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	Newcastle Gosforth	26	0	0	0
277 G REES	Nottingham	33	0	0	0
278 R HILL	Saracens	16	0	0	0
279 J GRIFFITHS	Wakefield	34	0	0	0
280 P BUCKTON	Waterloo	33	0	0	330
8. NO 8					
281 B CLARKE	Bath	14	0	0	70
282 C BARROW	Bristol	21	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	Gloucester	22	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	Harlequins	20	0	0	200
285 D RICHARDS	Leicester	18	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	Northampton	16	5	80	80
287 D CLEARY	Orrell	15	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	Sale	22	5	110	440
289 D RYAN	Wasps	19	0	0	55
290 M WATSON	West Hartlepool	20	10	200	300
291 K HICKEY	Coventry	16	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	Fylde	21	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	London Irish	17	0	0	0
294 D LECKIE	London Scottish	22	0	0	0
295 W HART	Moseley	23	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	Newcastle Gosforth	18	0	0	90
297 M BRADLEY	Nottingham	16	0	0	80
298 A DIPROSE	Saracens	19	0	0	190
299 M SOWERBY	Wakefield	27	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	Waterloo	29	0	0	145

Your current team selection is valid for the competition which covers the full 18-match Courage Clubs Championship and for the competition covering the first half of the league season, ending on Saturday. After that date there will be the opportunity to enter a new selection for the competition covering the second half of the season (January 7 – April 29).

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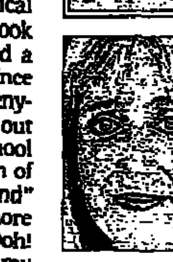
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Even in a computer age, boys will be boys

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Think of boys playing out of doors, and the principal images are of short trousers, dirty faces, urchin haircuts. The bomb sites and rationed sweets are the giveaway, here: this *picture is* an amalgam of Bob's little brother Bri in *Seaforth*, photographs by Roger Mayne and Bert Hardy, Dennis Potter's *Blue Remembered Hills* and Denis Mitchell's pioneering documentary *Morning in the Streets*. In other words, we are talking about postwar retro-kids, an extinct breed. Though connected by a short, direct line of descent, the miniature Reeboked wiseguys of the present generation would recognise no kinship whatsoever.

Is it true that 1990s children don't "play out"? If they don't, there are a number of explanations. First, it's too dangerous for the parents to allow it; second, the children would rather grapple with Super Nintendo; and third, if they do happen to find themselves out of doors, they steal cars to keep warm. A game of "grandmother's footsteps" would be unlikely to charm this new kiddie stereotype; unless, of course, it was available on a Gameboy, and concerned mugging old ladies and getting away with it.

Normality is such an unusual subject for television documentary that the effect of *last night's* **Picture This** (BBC2) was rather staggering. Fresh, funny and deft, Ian Duncan's *Playing Out* was set in Keighley, West Yorkshire, and followed a day in the life of five little boys (one with thick specs), who were simply kids enjoying themselves — boasting about awful culinary experiments ("I puked up all over") and jumping off walls for dares. It was a revelation. These boys played grandmother's footsteps without the aid of crack cocaine; they bought cheap sweets with their dinner money, they fed a horse with bits of apple. It was like finding out the past 40 years had been a dream.

True, had the anthropological Opies been present with notebook and pencil, they'd have noticed a change in the language since Denis Mitchell. Instead of eeny-meeny, it's "Ip dip dog shit out jumps piss!". And in the school playground, the girls' rendition of "Take *her by* the lily-white hand" has been replaced by a more robust rhyme concluding "Ooh! Aah! I lost my bra! / I lost my knickers in my boyfriend's car!". But as the Opies always argued, it's roughly the same thing.

These kids were very funny. Under a small, child-sized railway arch, they waited for a train to trundle overhead and then screamed with hilarious gusto. Andrew lobbed and kicked his school bag, using it as a bounceless football; bespectacled Mark played contentedly with a slinky-spring on the stairs at home, watched by the dog who shared his bed at night. In Tony's house, the dog was a small scurrying Jack Russell-type, like Eddie in *Fraiser*, whose favourite spot was the back of an armchair by the window. Ignored, he was just part of life's rich tapestry, like the dreadful food.

"I tried to make a waffles sandwich last night," said the biggest boy, Barrie, as they made their way to school in the chilly morning; "five waffles in a sandwich. I squashed it so all the fat came out. I still ate it, like." "I had ten slices of bread with raspberry jam, brown sauce, red sauce, vinegar, salt and lemon curd." "Ooh. Gross."

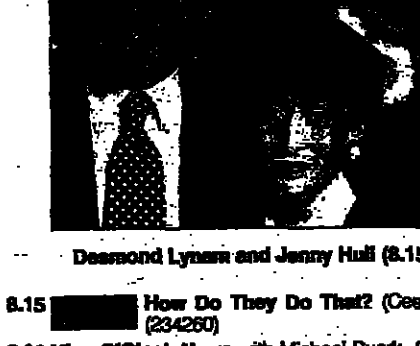
Perhaps I've watched too much *television (I have, I do)* but personally, as a jumpy childless person, I kept reacting to false alarms in *Playing Out* — expecting the whole thing to turn abruptly into tragedy. Potentially, it was *Blue Remembered Hills* mixed with *Casualty* and *Crimewatch File*, not to mention *999*. "Jump! Jump!" the others yelled to the kid in glasses, while he hesitated on top of a wall. "No, don't!" I yelled, in response. (He jumped, and did not land on the tines of an upturned rake. He was quite OK, in fact.) After tea, the boys made a camp fire under a tree where they fried sausages in a big pan, pouring cooking oil from a bottle and shrieking, "You're on fire!". And again, miraculously, nobody died.

It was easy to appreciate the lack of self-consciousness in these kids when elsewhere, last night's television was shining *a mirror up its own fundament* rather unattractively. An interesting **Omnibus** about self-portraiture and narcissism (BBC1) was weakened by clever, ironic shots of the film itself being made, while Channel 4's **Without Walls** combined in its two segments a fast, sparky analysis of television news from Allison Pearson (presenting her *J'Accuse* from a newscaster's *desk*, and *shown* beforehand in front of a make-up mirror) and the second episode of *The Night Show*, a pleasant but intricate satire on arts television, with in-jokes.

Television now takes itself so seriously that it hires John Stalker to solve real-life crimes on behalf of the nation (**Newtork First**, ITV) — an alarming development that should proceed no further. While it was OK to let Sir John Harvey-Jones solve industry, it's a damn sight more presumptuous to say, "This Hilda Murrell mystery has gone on long enough! Call in John *Stalker, he's famous!*". *Still, that's* obviously how it happened. The police handed over the Murrell files, Stalker did some rather lugubrious detecting, and the result was that all those fancy conspiracy theorists were trounced by the force of plain (but spuriously mandated) common sense. Phew, that's all right then. No collars were felt last night, but it's obviously the next step. "I arrest you on behalf of the viewing public. You have the right to a make-up artist and expenses, and anything you say may be rewritten by scriptwriters."

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (42821)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (98694024)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts another topical discussion (s) (2481208)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5715840)
10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday family magazine (s) (50754647)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7943376)
12.05pm Pebble Mill introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (6593734) **12.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (26809685)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (53376)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (55186024) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (55180840)
2.15 The Rockford Files. The conclusion of a two-part case for Jim in which his client, who is involved in stock market manipulation, is kidnapped (r) (9174289) **3.05 Movie Magic**. Stop-motion animation (5758647)
3.30 Secret Life of Toys (s) (4755753) **3.45 Noddy** (s) (3752395) **3.55 Dinobabies** (1592668) **4.20 Mortimer and Arabel** (s) (3965314) **4.35 Smart** with Zoe Ball. (Ceefax) (s) (5737463)
5.00 Newsround (5869192) **5.10 Grange Hill** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5861444)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (892840)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Jill Dando. (Ceefax) Weather (31)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (11)
7.00 [redacted] **Here and Now**. The current affairs magazine programme returns for another season of three stories a week (s) (8531)
7.30 [redacted] ***This Is Your Life***, *Michael Aspel, having* swapped channels, is back with his big red book waiting to surprise another unsuspecting worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (742579)

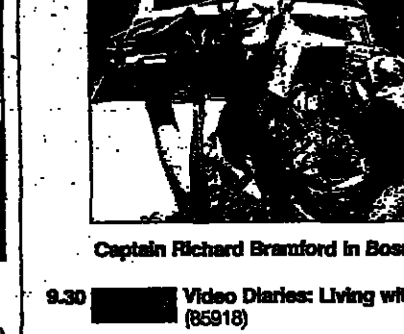


Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull (8.15pm)

8.15 [redacted] **How Do They Do That?** (Ceefax) (s) (234260)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9482)
9.30 Between the Lines: A Face in the Crowd. Police *drama series starring* Neil Pearson and Siobhan Redmond. Clark and Naylor take on a missing persons job for John Deakin, but soon wish they had checked the small print first. (Ceefax) (s) (933821)
10.20 Murder in Belgravia — the Lucan Affair. Ludovic Kennedy *introduces* a fascinating documentary which sheds new light on what may have happened that fatal night in November 1974. (Ceefax) (s) (2024937)
11.30 FILM: Power Play (1978) starring Peter O'Toole and Donald Pleasence. A retiring colonel and his friends organise *a daring military coup d'etat* when their country's government grows ever more repressive. Directed by Martyn Burke (262376)
1.10am Weather (9534574)
4.00-4.45 TV Edits: German 3 TV2 (2372593)

BBC2

7.00am Teddy Trucks (r) (8627289) **7.05 Philbert the Frog** *(s) (8619260)* **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r). (Ceefax) (3809901) **7.35 Fan TC** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9163821)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (6359173)
8.15 Westminster Daily (2188314)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children: **10.00-10.25** Playdays (r) (s) (6747173) **1.45** You and Me (56005208) **2.00** Penny Crayon (r) (51431591)
2.10 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (23618734)
2.35 Next. Marti Caine celebrates the lives and *achievements of the over-50s (6082192)*
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** (1263983) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), weather, regional news and weather (3740550)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (24)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Culinary magazine (68)
5.00 Esther. Esther Rantzen talks to wives who hate their husband's jobs (s) (6937)
5.30 Catchword with Paul Cola (60)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. (Ceefax) (s) (941227)
6.45 The Big Trip. In the last in the series there are reports from Bondi Beach, New York and Istanbul. (Ceefax) (s) (791579) **Wales**: Diwali Lights 6.55 Rugby Special Wales 9.00-9.30 Shakespeare — the Animated Tales
7.20 Diwali Lights: Diwali Gods (s) (193599)
7.30 [redacted] **Shakespeare — The Animated Tales**. (Ceefax) (s) (37)
8.00 A Feast of Floyd (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5821)
8.30 University Challenge. Jeremy Paxman fires the questions at teams from Sussex University and *Robinson College, Cambridge (s) (4956)*
9.00 Grace under Fire (Ceefax) (s) (7024)



Captain Richard Bramford in Bosnia (9.30pm)

9.30 [redacted] **Video Diaries: Living with the Enemy** (85918)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax)(782579)
11.15 The Late Show: Tales from Berlin. The story of East Germany's special relationship with the Russian troops (s) (290208)
11.55 Weather (545078)
12.00 FILM: A Matter of Convenience (1987). An Australian tale of a man who makes money organising marriages for immigrants. Directed by Ben Lewin. (Ceefax) (311488). Ends at **1.35am**
2.00 Night School: Great Experiments (r) (78512) **4.00 BBC Select**: Benefits Agency Today (61390390). Ends at **4.15**

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CHOICE

Shakespeare: The Animated Tales 2 – *Richard III*
BBC2, 7.30pm

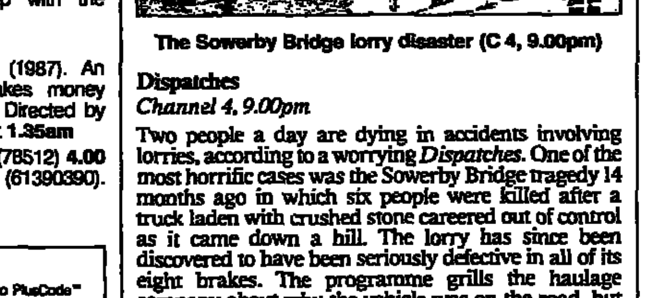
Screened as part of BBC2's Bard on the Box season, this is the first in a new series of 30-minute, animated versions of Shakespeare's plays. If the idea sounds hideous, the results are often a pleasant surprise. Tonight's *Richard III* from Russian director Natasha *Orlova achieves an eerie sophistication thanks to a* technique involving painting on glass, the angular figures contrasting with fluid, rain-heavy skies. Scripted by Leon Garfield, the film is expertly voiced by Antony Sher, still remembered for his spidery portrayal of the villain for the RSC, plus Eleanor Bron, *Tom Wilkinson and Alec McCowen as the narrator.* Future weeks will see animated versions of *As You Like It, Julius Caesar, Othello, The Winter's Tale* and *The Taming of the Shrew.*

How Do They Do That?
BBC1, 8.15pm

A new series of the programme that celebrates human ingenuity begins with a compilation of highlights from the last season. The show has proved a hit with viewers, who have not been shy about writing in with questions. Tonight's best-of-programme answers such *teasers as how presenter Desmond Lynam appeared* to jump through a helicopter and crash through the studio roof; how spot-the-ball contests are set up; how a psychologist has given new hope to victims of serious brain damage; and how admen got milk bottles to dance. The new series will look at airliners' black *boxes, how a girl on life support continued breathing* after it was switched off and how a reporter tracked down the terrorist known as The Jackal.

Video Diaries: Living with the Enemy
BBC2, 9.30pm

Captain Richard Bramford's above average *Video Diary* records his experiences as a United Nations military observer living with a Bosnian Serb family near Sarajevo. Bramford is nervous about the assignment - "Last year I spent three months being shelled by Bosnian Serbs; now I was going to live with them" - but the family's warmth reassures him. As he travels to and fro between Bosnia and London, he finds that life at home is in some ways more frightening. A letter to the father he has never seen results in a cryptic but negative-sounding note back, while his relationship with French girlfriend Cyrille becomes suddenly complicated.



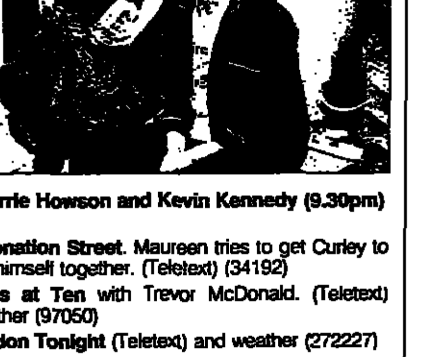
The Sowerby Bridge lorry disaster (C 4, 9.00pm)

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Two people a day are dying in accidents involving lorries, according to a worrying *Dispatches*. One of the most horrific cases was the Sowerby Bridge tragedy 14 months ago in which six people were killed after a truck laden with crushed stone careered out of control as it came down a hill. The lorry has since been discovered to have been seriously defective in all of its eight brakes. The programme grills the haulage company about why the vehicle was on the road, but also takes a wider look at lorry safety and at the pressures which lead drivers to speed and flout the law by working many more hours than they should, even when they are sleepy. As one driver reminds us: "A 38-ton lorry is a lethal weapon, a tank." **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3713227)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Dale Winton hosts the shopping quiz (s) (4832918) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6757550)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Topical studio debate hosted by John Stapleton (s) (9306666)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine programme presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (73217579) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7932260)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3102753)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2552014) **1.25 *Home and Away*.** *(Teletext) (20621821)*
1.55 Capital Woman with Anneka Rice (s) (52726043) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (23633043) **2.50 The Young Doctors**. Australian hospital drama (7760666)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6040685) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6049956)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4766869) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (3748192) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (s) (4760685) **4.05 Cartoon** (3280111) **4.10 Wolf It** (Teletext) (8564550) **4.40 Woof!** (Teletext) (s) (7444096)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2568550)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) and weather (402376)
5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (844444)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (27)
6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (454005)
6.50 Take Your Pick. Game show presented by Des O'Connor, with Gayle and Gillian Blakeney. (Teletext) (s) (116208)
7.20 The Champions League — Live. Bob Wilson and Terry Venables introduce live coverage of the match between Barcelona and Mancester United from the Nou Camp Stadium. With commentary by Brian Moore and Ron Atkinson (10302840)

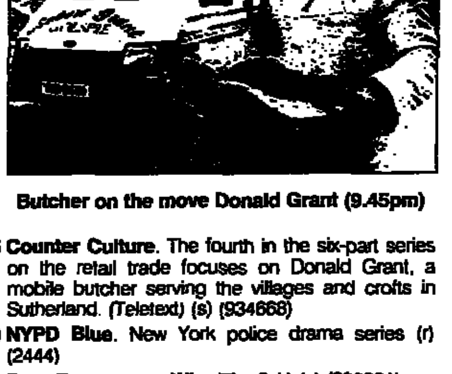


Sherrie Howson and Kevin Kennedy (9.30pm)

9.30 Coronation Street. Maureen tries to get Curley to pull himself together. (Teletext) (34192)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (97050)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (272227)
10.40 The Champions League — Highlights. Jim Rosenthal introduces the pick of the action from football's most prestigious club competition (172043)
11.40 Blood and Orchids. The first of a two-part drama telling the story of four native youths in 1930s Hawaii, who are brought to trial when a young navy wife accuses them of assault and rape (r) (637531)
1.30am Hollywood Report (s) (17203)
2.00 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (60154)
3.00 The Album Show with Lynn Parsons (s) (86241)
4.00 Beyond Reality. Tales of the paranomal (43222)
4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (85116)
5.00 America's Top Ten (s) (57845)
5.30 ITN Morning News (54609). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (26734)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (76227)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (24227)
9.30 Schools: Good Health (8286173) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8209024) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8600227) **10.18** Understanding Northern Ireland (8689734) **10.40** The Technology Programme (1044918) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6401918) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9979821) **11.15** Art Adventures (9062111) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3925550) **11.45** First Edition (3920005)
12.00 House To House. Political magazine (47573)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series (68376) **1.30 Hullaballoo** with Floella Benjamin (s). Followed by **Dig and Dug** (s) (51869)
2.00 FILM: Landfall (1949, b/w) starring Michael Denison. Second World War drama, based on the novel by Nevil Shute, about an RAF pilot accused of sinking a British submarine. Directed by Ken Annakin. (Teletext) (838245)
3.35 Oasis. A short about a ten-year-old saxophonist, with bickering parents, who finds inspiration in the Mojave desert (4652444)
4.00 Waterways. Dick Warner ends his six-part journey round Ireland's rivers and canals. (Teletext) (92)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (76)
5.00 Ricki Lake. Among the guests is a 17-year-old couple who are suing for divorce. (Teletext) (s) (2604937)
5.50 Terrytoons. More classic cartoons (867395)
6.00 Mork and Mindy (r) (69)
6.30 Boy Meets World. Teen comedy. (Teletext) (s) (21)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (310753)
7.50 Belfast Lessons (567463)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7289)
8.30 Lonely Planet. The last in the off-beat travel series comes from the Pacific islands. (Teletext) (s) (9024)
9.00 [redacted] **Dispatches**. (Teletext) (961463)



Butcher on the move Donald Grant (9.45pm)

9.45 Counter Culture. The fourth in the six-part series on the retail trade focuses on Donald Grant, a mobile butcher serving the villages and crofts in Sutherland. (Teletext) (s) (934668)
10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (r) (2444)
11.00 Rory Bremner . . . Who Else? (r) (s) (280821)
11.40 Nightingales. Comedy series starring Robert Lindsay, James Ellis and David Threlfall as indolent nightwatchmen (r) (533685)
12.15am LA Law. American courtroom drama series (s) (8552154)
1.05 FILM: Fighting Stock (1935, b/w) starring Tom Walls. A vintage farce about a baronet and his nephew, who save a young woman from the attentions of a lustful blackmailer. Directed by Tom Walls (4564512)
2.25 Mission Eureka. Episode three of the seven-part science-fiction soap (r) (2332086). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Anglia News (6757550) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7932260) **1.55** A Country Practice (55181579) **2.20** Gardening Time (23625024) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7760666) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6049956) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2568550) **6.25-6.50** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (220840) **10.30** Anglia News (272227) **10.40-11.35** The Equalizer (159192) **12.40am** Shakedown on Sunset Strip (941661) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4762336) **2.50** The Album Show (6049113) **3.45** Jobfinder (8754574) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (6440280)

CENTRAL
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Central News (6757550) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7932260) **1.55** A Country Practice (55181579) **2.20** Gardening Time (23625024) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7760666) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6049956) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2568550) **6.25-6.50** Central News and Weather (220840) **10.30** Central News and Weather (272227) **10.40** Crime Stalker (172043) **11.40** The Champions League Highlights (398314) **12.40am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8995749) **1.05-1.30** Love and War (3574777) **4.00** Jobfinder (7163088) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2873645)

GRANADA
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Granada News (6757550) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (7932260) **12.55** Home and Away (2552014) **1.25** Coronation Street (20621821) **1.55** Highway to Heaven (9291395) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7760666) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (6049956) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2568550) **6.25** Granada Tonight (220840) **6.50-7.20** Take Your Pick (116208) **10.30** Granada News (272227) **10.40-11.35** The Equalizer (159192) **12.40am** Shakedown on Sunset Strip (941661) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4762336) **2.50** The Album Show (6049113) **3.45-4.35** Jobfinder (8754574)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55-3.20** The Boy Who Stole A Million (8142444) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2568550) **5.55** Home and Away (898024) **6.25-6.50** HTV News (220840) **10.40-11.35** The Equalizer (159192) **12.40am** Shakedown on Sunset Strip (941661) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4762336) **2.50** The Album Show (6049113) **3.45** Jobfinder (8754574) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (6440280)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.25-6.50** Wales Tonight (220840) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (272227)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (55181579) **2.20** Loud and Clear (23625024) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7760666) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2568550) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (227753) **6.20-6.50** Girls, Girls, Girls (116173) **10.40** A Meridian Special - Kelvin, People, Power, Politics (172043) **11.40** The Champions League Highlights (398314) **12.40am-1.30** The Equalizer (1298929) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (57845)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55** High Road (52726043) **2.25-2.55** Westcountry Focus: Fair's Fair (23624395) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2568550) **6.00-6.50** Westcountry Live (929005) **10.40** Crime Stalker (172043) **11.40** The Champions League Highlights (398314) **12.40am** Shakedown on Sunset Strip (941661) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4762336) **2.50** The Album Show (6049113) **3.45** Jobfinder (8754574) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (6440280)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (55181579) **2.20-2.50** Look and Cook (23625024) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Belmont: Network North (6049956) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2568550) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (874444) **6.20-6.50** Crosswits (116173) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (272227) **10.40-11.35** Bodies of Evidence (159192) **12.35am-1.30** The Equalizer (3995425) **2.00** Videofashion (52970) **2.30** The Album Show (88319) **3.30** Noisy Mothers (8532661) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (4343880)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (76227) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (24227) **9.30** Ysgolion (597685) **12.00pm** House To House (47573) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Sam Tanr (62598) **1.00** Sesame Street Jam (40753) **2.00** Crooks in Cloisters (492598) **3.50** Cat And Mouse (8574937) **3.55** Screaming Reels (8891376) **4.30** Gamesmaster (76) **5.00** 5 Pump (1122260) **5.20** 5 Pump (4090821) **5.30** Fifteen To One (58) **6.00** Newyddion (226395) **6.20** Heno (550024) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1869) **7.30** Brodyr Bach Cyfres (55) **8.00** Pengelli (7289) **8.30** Newyddion (9024) **9.00** Dim Ond Calf (229024) **9.35** Rap (634260) **10.00** Brookside (97032) **10.30** Cutting Edge: Bodyguards (43734) **11.30** Rygbi: Tocyn I'R Daith: Castell Nedd v De (919056) **12.15am** Dispatches (4541654) **1.00** The World Of Hammer: Christopher Lee (95593)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (42701796) **8.40** Cartoons (1408683) **9.30** Card Sharks (9853916) **9.55** Concentration (6661937) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9954005) **10.30** New Candid Camera (39173) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (93918) **12.00** Urban Peasant (53753) **12.30pm** E Street (70918) **1.00** Falcon Crest (68173) **2.00** Around the World in Eighty Days (89463) **3.00** The Heights (8648717) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (2214376) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (1260) **6.00** Gamesworld (7173) **6.30** Spellbound (1753) **7.00** E Street (9289) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7937) **8.00** One West Waikiki (36598) **9.00** Wanderer (16734) **10.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (19821) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (544531) **11.45** Booker (478753) **12.45am** Barney Miller (33796) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (30609)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5771869) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (89444) **10.30** ABC Nightline (80043) **1.30pm** CBS News (76482) **2.30** Parliament Live (87916) **4.00** News (84847) **5.00** Live at Five (9802) **6.00** Richard Littlejohn (86579) **8.00** News and Business (86289) **9.30** News Extra (81024) **11.30** CBS News (55280) **12.30am** ABC News (9369338) **1.10** Littlejohn (7068222) **2.30** Parliament Replay (30723) **4.30** CBS News (46135) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (48512)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (7829669) **10.00 Taras Bulba** (1962): Cossack adventure (85393622) **12.05pm Ordeal in the Arctic** (1993) (780005) **2.00 Last of the Secret Agents?** (1966) (65963) **4.00 A High Wind in Jamaica** (1965) (6192) **6.00 Man in the Moon** (1991)(20937) **8.00 Blood Brothers** (1993) (25482) **10.00 Deep Cover** (1992) (360294) **11.50 Afternoon** (1990): Erotic thriller **1.25am Natural Selection** (1993) (8899154) **2.55 Spirit of '76** (1990) (5151777) **4.15-6.00 Man in the Moon** (1991): As 6pm (378796)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Mouse That Roared (1959) (15043) **8.00 I Confess** (1953) (87260) **10.00-12.00 The Long Goodbye** (1973) (79753)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Big Street (1942) (19289) **8.00 Spiderman: The Captive Tower** (1978) (56685) **9.00 The Last of the Mohicans** (31227) **10.00 The Ex-Mrs Bradford** (1936) (72376) **12.00 Before Winter Comes** (1969): With David Niven (71208) **2.00 George White's Scandals** (1934): With Alice Faye (31043) **4.00 Spiderman: The Captive Tower** (1978): As 8am (4300463) ***4.50 The Last of the Mohicans***: As 9am (7907376) **5.45 The End of the Golden Weather** (1991) (66697821) **7.30 Special Feature: Quentin Tarantino** (7537) **8.00 Medicine Man** (1992) (23024) **10.00 Traces of Red** (1992) (160096) **11.45 Blue Ice** (1992) (558685) **1.30am Dangerous Desire** (1992) (180135) **3.10 The Friends of Eddie Coyle** (1973) (97915425)

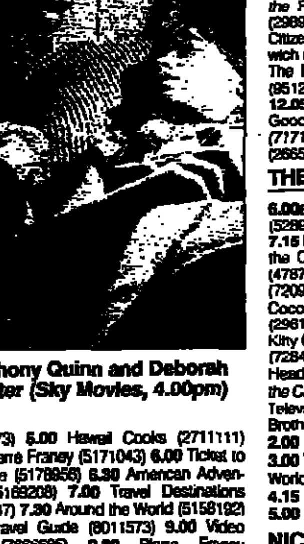
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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer (8178173) **7.15** WWF Superstars (225537) **8.15** Soccer (9945685) **8.30** Surfing (89024) **9.30** *Aerobics Oz Style* (85937) **10.00** Footballer's Football Show (48482) **11.00** Boots 'n' All (35918) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (39260) **12.30pm** Boxing (80550) **2.30** Rugby (4442) **3.00** Footballer's Show (41956) **4.00** Mountain Bikes National Championships (20463) **5.00** WWF Challenge (2918) **6.00** Soccer News (930840) **6.15** Sky Sports Classics (935395) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (5111) **7.00** Rugby (70956) **8.00** NBA Basketball (50192) **10.00** Soccer News (431395) **10.15** Get Your Handicap Down (400192) **10.45** Rugby (272666) **11.45-1.45am** NBA Basketball (479208)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Aerobics (44666) **8.00** Gymnastics (61531) **9.00** Figure Skating (12579) **11.00** Football: Uefa Cup (61043) **1.00pm** Snooker (79376) **2.00** Snooker Tricks (7227) **2.30** Jet Skiing (60111) **3.30** Equestrianism (30192) **4.30** *Figure Skating* (40550) **6.30** News (7579) **7.00** Boxing (45395) **9.00** Motors (61208) **10.00** Superbike (64395) **11.00** Show Jumping (41579) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (24406)

SKY SOAP
8.00pm *Loving* (8541579) **8.30** Peyton Place (8633550) **9.00** As the World Turns (9841685) **10.00** Guiding Light (9065753) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9052289)

SKY TRAVEL
6.30am Kids Down Under (5836314) **12.00** *Travel Destinations: Kuala Lumpur* (8644598) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3899902) **1.00** Roads to Freedom (9056005) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (3685173) **2.00** American Adventurer (2797531) **2.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking (5177227) **3.00** Ticket to Paradise (2716566) **3.30** Mansions' (5149444) **4.00** Roads to Freedom (7637173) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (2711111) **5.30** Pierre Franey (5171043) **6.00** Ticket to Paradise (5178956) **6.30** American Adventurer (5169208) **7.00** Travel Destinations (2708647) **7.30** Around the World (5158192) **8.00** Travel Guide (8011573) **9.00** Video Trips (7686685) **9.30** Pierre Franey (3806666) **10.00** Cruising the Globe (8645395) **10.30** Hawaii (8654043) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (7639802) **11.30-12.00** Mansions — Great Houses of Europe (5613463)



Anthony Quinn and Deborah Baxter (Sky Movies, 4.00pm)

TLC
9.00am Joy of Painting (3852289) **9.30** Simply Delicious Fish (6356463) **10.00** Talking Heads (2166482) **10.30** Only Human (3028579) **11.30** Youth Express (6089043) **12.00** Tin-Lids (6379314) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious Fish (1522173) **1.30** Joy of Painting (6359550) **2.00** Life is for Living (1234482) **2.30** Private Lives (2089314) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (1220289) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (2051531)

UK GOLD
7.00am *Sullivans* (8220444) **7.30** Neighbours (9249579) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9599591) **8.30** EastEnders (6445772) **9.00** The Bill (6244424) **9.30** Lotus Eaters (9495734) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (48178289) **11.35** Sullivans (19935579) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2844869) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7020208) **1.00** EastEnders (9252043) **1.30** The Bill (7029579) **2.00** Bless This House (8100647) **2.30** Citizen Smith (7792622) **3.00** Knots Landing (3117208) **4.00** Dynasty (3129043) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2615869) **5.35** Top of *the Pops* (3545753) **5.55** Terry and June (2969734) **6.30** EastEnders (2647573) **7.00** Citizen Smith (8104463) **7.30** Colin's Sandwich (6247537) **8.00** Dallas (2368821) **10.00** The Bill (1494127) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9512802) **11.25** Ripping Yarns (5294227) **12.05am** Dr Who (3737390) **12.35** The Goodies (7907845) **1.10** South of the Border *(7171203)* ***2.10-3.00** Shopping at Night* (2665777)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (9769753) **6.15** Bobobobs (528901) **6.45** Casper and Friends (978442) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (5912604) **7.25** Eek the Cat (4668260) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (4787096) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7209173) **8.40** Titou (8021043) **8.50** Coccinel (8027227) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (29617) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (48579) **11.00** Kitty Cats (71111) **11.30** Barney and Friends (72840) **12.00** Ratkan III (80918) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (39237956) **12.40** Eek *the Cat* (1482821) *1.10 You Can't Do That on* Television (70477111) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51988208) **1.50** Titou (51977192) **2.00** Babar (4531) **2.30** Blinky Bill (2802) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2890111) **3.15** Bobby's World (675444) **3.45** Bots Master (607043) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2458376) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (2666)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (38005) **7.30** Grimmy (2489579) **7.45** Rugrats (432666) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9943227) **8.30** Simer and the Real Ghostbusters (2905043) **8.45** Nickalive! (2900598) **9.00** Nick Jr (529579) **12.00** Muppet Show (37802) **12.30pm** Rugrats (87395) **1.00** Doug (37376) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (86666) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (5983) **2.30** Smoggies (84441) **3.00** Nick Faves (9208) **3.30** Turtles Gold (9519) **4.00** Grimmy (2024) **4.30** Rugrats (8208) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (4753) **5.30** Doug (2260) **6.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9173) **6.30** Joe 90 (3753)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Life in the Wild (5897096) **4.30** The Coral Reef (3992460) **5.00** A Traveller's *Guide to the Orient* (8122369) **5.30** New Explorers (5992640) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7036869) **7.00** Predators (2386227) **8.00** Invention (8111753) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (8190260) **9.00** Nature of Things (2375111) **10.00** Fields of Armour (3294109) **10.30** Spies (7899717) **11.00** Terra X (3128314) **11.30-12.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (5300460)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. Frozen Limits (1939): Flanagan and Allen in Gold Rush comedy (3700686) **2.00pm** The Avengers (6750901) **3.00** My Three Sons (8107550) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (3278495) **4.00** FILM: Pumping Iron (1976): Documentary about Arnold Schwarzenegger (8118666) **6.00** Get Smart (4542109) **6.30** Cannon (3729685) **7.30** Scotland Yard (4647753) **8.00** The Avengers (2359173) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3110395) **9.30** FILM: Link (1985) (4872685) **11.30-12.00** Rat Patrol (7405294)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (1599579) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (6299424) **8.00** All Well and Good (3857734) **8.30** Women Mean Business (3856005) **9.00** Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery (1301802) **9.35** Definition (3386685) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2151550) **10.30** Susan Powter Show (3878869) **11.00** Young and Restless (1546753) **12.00** Calendar Fashion Show (1002598) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1289395) **1.30** Signs of the Times (6351918) **2.00** *Agony Hour* (2169579) **3.00** Living Magazine (3801024) **3.45** Gladrags And Glamour (24312802) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2065734) **4.30** Definition (49616005) **4.55** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (6304802) **5.30** Kate and Allie (2085598) **6.00** Maternal World (2075111) **6.30** Rodeo Drive (2086463) **7.00** Living Magazine (1058208) **8.00** Young and Restless (1067956) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (1047192) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (1057579) **11.00-12.00** Love Life (1534918)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am Adventures of Tintin (8111) **5.30** *Boogies Diner (3918)* ***6.00** Ocean Odyssey* (3531) **6.30** Through The Keyhole (7111) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5647) **7.30** Wonder Years (3395) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (96918) **9.00** Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie (99005) **11.00** Lou Grant (49209) **12.00** Rhoda (71339) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (51066) *1.00 Adventures of Tintin (69512) 1.30 Trivial* Pursuit (19241) **2.00** Boogies Diner (14390) **2.30** Big Brother Jake (33425) **3.00** Lou Grant (88661) **4.00** Rhoda (38970) **4.30-5.00** Wonder Years (33609)

MTV
6.30am The Grind (11937) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (11550) **8.00** VJ Ingo (423821) **11.00** Soul of MTV (20173) **12.00** Greatest Hits (11376) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (201376) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (1043163) **3.45** Cinematic (6093668) **4.00** News (2460111) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2450734) **4.30** Dial MTV (4024) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (38227) **6.30** Zig and Zag Show (6869) **7.00** Greatest Hits (12956) **8.00** Most Wanted (64005) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (12005) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (233840) **10.15** Cinematic (238395) **10.30** News (591717) **10.45** 3 from 1 (480402) **11.00** The End? (51227) **1.00am** Soul of MTV (83393) **2.00** The Grind (23048) **2.30-5.00** Night Videos (656067)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9055376) **9.00** Café (1884111) **12.00** The Bridge (6553227) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best: Guest or Theme (3166208) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8964647) **3.30** Into the Music (8390579) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3803579) **7.00** For You (2516983) **8.00** Soul (6211591) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Guest or Theme (2811735) **10.00** The Bridge (9814531) **11.30** Top 5 (5815821) **12.00** Nightly (2912864) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (8424406) **3.00** Soul (3044872) **4.00** Ten of the Best: Guest or Theme (1026932) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (73753) **7.00** Asian Morning (23956) **8.30** Bunyaad (48276) **9.00** Punjab Movie (174043) **12.00** Serial: Sambandh (77444) **12.30pm** Serial (27937) **1.00** Hindi FILM (385495) **4.00** Kiddie Time (6668) **4.30** TVA and You (38937) **5.30-6.00** Serial. Bunyaad (6424) **7.00** BBCD (1289) **7.30** Drama: Zameen Aasman (9937) **8.00** News (5127) **8.30** Sports Programme (9444) **9.00** Hindi FILM (818840) **12.00** Asian Morning (494203) **1.35am** Sight and Sound (81807086)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Our Favourite Movies
7.00pm They Drive by Night (1940) (49332161) **8.45 Manpower** (1941) (92678289) **10.45 Wyoming Kid** (1947) (82597579) **12.40am Uncertain Glory** (1944) (43442945) **2.30-5.00 Northern Pursuit** (1943) (73763512)

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CNN/CMT/QVC
CNN provides 24-hour news coverage, CMT has country music from midnight to 4pm and QVC is the home shopping channel

Argentinian says dignified farewell amid glare of publicity at Tottenham

Sugar brings down curtain on Ardiles

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

LIGHTS, cameras, action. The world's media turned on for Osvaldo Ardiles yesterday as the Tottenham Hotspur *manager signed off at White* Hart Lane. Dismissed by Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, the night before, after being *summoned* to Sugar's home in Chigwell, Essex, Ardiles returned to N17 to close his traumatic 16-month *reign. He produced a dignified* and, when necessary, diplomatic display. Had his team

CHRIS HARRIS



Ardiles shares his thoughts on the end of his career as the Tottenham Hotspur manager with the world's media at a press conference at White Hart Lane yesterday

ARDILES FILE

Born: Córdoba, Argentina, August 3, 1952

Playing career: Huracan, Argentina, 1970-1978 Tottenham Hotspur: August 1978-May 1988 except for spells on loan with Paris Saint-Germain (July 1982-Jan 1983) and Blackburn Rovers (March 1988). FA Cup winner 1981, Uefa Cup winner 1984. Queens Park Rangers: Aug 1988-Jan 1989. Argentina: 42 caps. World Cup winner 1978.

Managerial appointments: Swindon Town, July 1989 (promoted to first division 1990 but stayed down because of financial irregularities). Newcastle United, March 1991: dismissed, February 1992. West Bromwich Albion, May 1992 (promoted to first division 1993). Tottenham Hotspur, June 1993, dismissed, November 1994.

selections proved as capable under pressure over the past 64 matches — they won only 20 of them — Sugar would not have soured and Ardiles would not have had to endure the last rites amid such a chaotic gathering. Yet he revealed his thoughts quietly and concisely, without a hint of bitterness at the manner of his parting or the reasons behind it.

Yes, the continuing feud between Sugar and Terry Venables, Ardiles's predecessor, had been difficult to ignore; yes, the Football Association's fine, FA Cup suspension and six-point penalty had made his job harder. "I was just a pawn in all the battles *that were being fought.*" Ardiles said. No, he had never considered resigning; no, he would not change his flamboyant approach to football if and when he re-entered the managerial jungle.

Ardiles, 42, realised his position had become untenable after Tottenham's 3-0 defeat against Notts County, the bottom club in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, in the Coca-Cola Cup last Wednesday. Defensively, as in many matches this season, they were a shambles. "The writing was on the wall after that," he said. "This was when my fate was decided. It was no real surprise when it came. But I still feel we were very close to having a good team. The club and the squad is in a much better state than when I arrived." The 3-1 FA Carling Premiership win over West Ham United on Saturday quickly became irrelevant. "It was satisfying to give the supporters something," Ardiles said. "They have not had much to cheer for quite a long time. But the die had already been cast for me. At least you learn a lot about yourself in situations like this. I'm a lot tougher than I thought I was. But it is not a relief to be leaving. I wanted to carry on fighting."

Steve Perryman, 42, Ardiles's assistant, takes over as caretaker manager until the end of the season. He declined to be drawn on new players, new tactics or his long-term ambition. "I am the caretaker until someone says differently," he said. "I'm still very disappointed to lose my boss, my colleague and my friend. He was great to work with."

Sugar enticed Ardiles from West Bromwich Albion in June last year, with many observers claiming it was designed to appease the supporters in the wake of the acrimonious exit of Venables. It worked for a while until Ardiles's spending — the signing of Gheorghe Popescu for £2.9 million in September took his outlay to £12.25 million — was not matched by performances on the pitch. Relegation was only narrowly avoided last season. Sugar did not appear in the Bill Nicholson Suite, where Ardiles delivered his final thoughts, but said in a statement: "It has been one of the most difficult decisions of my life. Over the past few days, a lot of soul-searching and deep thought has been applied. I will recall forever Ossie's dignity and strength during a period in which he was under constant pressure and criticism."

Ardiles, who played 315 games for Tottenham after joining them in 1978, made similarly respectful comments about Sugar. "He can be a difficult man but we can all be difficult at times. But from a personal point of view, I like him very much. He is honest, direct and we worked together extremely closely." However, the possibility of Sugar bringing in a specialist coach, to help halt the Tottenham slide, irked Ardiles.

"I would never accept something like that," he said. "That would be an indictment of everything I think about football. One or two names were mentioned but my answer was always 'no'. I live and die by my principles, by the way I want my teams to play football, and this is what I did. I am proud I did it that way. I did it my way."

Perryman, the manager of Brentford and Watford before joining Ardiles in July last year, thus inherits the hottest of football seats. His temporary title guarantees nothing and, if anything, he wore a more emotional, haunted look than Ardiles yesterday. The odds are already being chalked up for a full-time successor, with Gerry Francis, disillusioned and undecided over his future at Queens Park Rangers, the prime candidate.

For Ardiles, the months ahead include reading, golf and giving up smoking. He took up the dreaded weed again three weeks ago, when the signals were ominous. On Monday night, they proved correct.

Bilbao put paid to Newcastle's dream

Athletic Bilbao 1
Newcastle United 0

(agg 3-3; Bilbao win on away goals)

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN BILBAO

NEWCASTLE United paid the ultimate price, elimination on the away goals rule, for *their tired, naive last 20 min*utes of the first leg of this Uefa Cup second-round tie, when they were beaten by a solitary goal *in the San Mames stadi*um last night. They were lucky to escape so lightly, for Garicano missed a penalty *after Beresford had brought* down Suances seven minutes from time.

The old port had transformed *itself long before the* adrenalin surged on the pitch. It was a Bank Holiday, quieter than a Suffolk Sunday until, from *mid-afternoon, the* streets began to bulge with clamorous supporters, a red tide that eventually blocked *every street, like clogged* arteries.

The fierce separatism that drives this region was translated into thrust and counterthrust from the first whistle. Bilbao simply surged at Newcastle, with Larrainzar, a player gambled with because of a long-term knee injury, produced a judicious throughball which Ziganda fractionally failed to connect with.

But this is Newcastle, and there is nothing wrong with the spirit of Kevin Keegan's *team, nothing dampened* by the first loss of the season at Old Trafford last Saturday. They had young Watson at *centre forward, a player of* strength, perseverance and sheer willingness to do his best in an alien position on *foreign territory.*

When Beresford broke down the left, to be joined by Lee, the confusion caused by *an eager dummy run from* Watson almost allowed Beardsley in for a chance. Beardsley arrived a split second too *late, the ball shot* awkwardly off the glistening turf, and the chance disappeared.

*But it was already a splen*did cup-tie. Lee was getting through a prodigious amount of work: what lungs he must have, what morale and self-lessness. For he was here in defence, here powering through midfield, sometimes with Basques, dressed in their changed strip of blue, trying to cling to his heels, and the bursting into the penalty area.

Lee twice terrorised Juan Valencia's goal. First, Hottiger, adventuring forwards, had linked with Fox, and Lee's towering header landed on top of the bar; moments after that, Beardsley had escaped on the right and swung the ball in, inevitably for the foraging Lee to accelerate through, but he was not quite able to get hold of his shot at full stretch.



Lee missed two first-half chances for Newcastle United

Nevertheless, there was guile and plenty of running coming back at Newcastle, obliging them to funnel back, support one another, produce the work ethic that has not been associated with the brio of Keegan's team. Often, Garitano, a playmaker with a crafty left foot, was the instigator, and often Ziganda, tall and quick, was racing into positions that stretched Howey and Peacock to their physical and mental limits.

In the 26th minute, Garitano had elegantly wheeled away from Fox, and guided the ball down the left. Ziganda powered through with a thoroughbred's stride, too swift by far for Peacock, but when the centre forward *pulled the ball back from the* line, Srnicek responded with feline reflexes to claw the ball into his chest.

Ziganda, who had turned the first game at St James' Park, was full of invention, but Howey in particular was the *defensive equal to him, al*though Howey was fortunate when his backside got in the way of a shot from Mendiguren, deflecting it away from goal from only eight yards.

Another stroke of fortune came directly on half-time, when Tabuenka centred from the left, Srnicek groped and missed, Suances calmly headed the ball back, and Alkiza once again shot a foot wide from ten yards with the goal at his mercy.

The pressure, and believe it or not the pace, was stepped up by Bilbao. They laid siege to Srnicek's goal in the second half, and just when it seemed that the stubbornness of Newcastle's defence would not be breached, it was. The provider was Alkiza with a marvellous low ball between the centre backs, and inevitably Ziganda was through, his shot stroked *with the left foot beneath the* body of the advancing Srnicek.

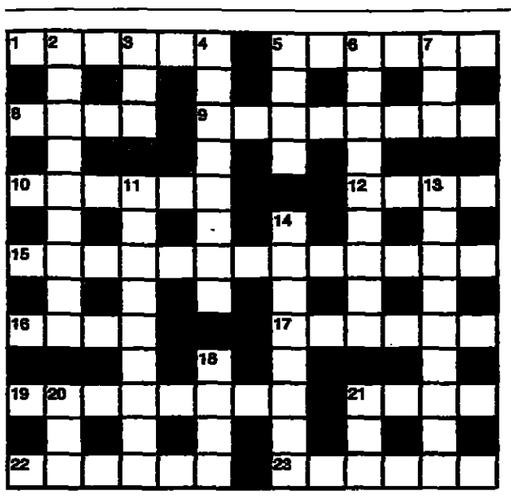
ATHLETIC BILBAO (4-3-1-2): J Valencia — O Tabuenka, G Andrinua, A Karanka, A Larrazabal — I Larrainzar (sub: J Urrutia, 35mn), R Garicano, R Mendiguren — B Alkiza — G Suances, J Ziganda.
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-1-3-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — P Albert — R Fox (sub: M Jeffrey, 72) , R Lee, S Sellars (sub: L Clark, 58) — S Watson, P Beardsley.
Referee: A Amendolia (Italy).

Kendall returns

HOWARD Kendall, the former Everton manager, has left Xanthi, the Greek first division team, to go back to England. A spokesman said yesterday that Kendall told the club he was returning for family reasons.

Kendall's return is certain to increase speculation that he could be a possible successor to Mike Walker, who succeeded Kendall at Goodison Park in January. Everton are bottom of the FA Carling Premiership without a victory this season. Kendall's second spell as Everton manager ended on December 4 last year when he resigned.

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 308

ACROSS
1 Imprison (4,2)
5 Snub (6)
8 Basic element (of larger whole) (4)
9 Determined (8)
10 Ragged boy; hedgehog (6)
12 Entranced (4)
15 The motion is carried (3,4,4,2)
16 Spade's depth; projecting strip of sand (4)
17 Medicine man (6)
19 Disgusting, repulsive (8)
21 Leap into water; nightclub (4)
22 Container; ship (6)
23 Come to rest; determine (6)

DOWN
2 Right of possession (9)
3 Sports clothes and equipment (3)
4 French/Spanish mountains (8)
5 Hazard (4)
6 Fashionable area in W Central London (9)
7 Be suitable (3)
11 Cruel (9)
13 Of the first age of the world (9)
14 Sensory hairs of eg cat (8)
18 Election; head (4)
20 *Regret* (3)
21 Speck (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 307

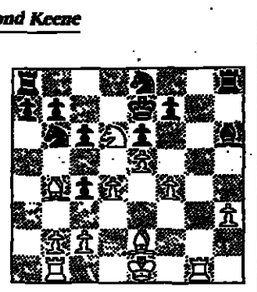
ACROSS: 1 Medal 7 Invoice 8 Logical 9 Episode 11 Handel 13 Taxidermy 15 Dark Horse 19 Trough 21 Masonry 23 *Aladdin 24 What for 25 Terse*

DOWN: 1 Mulch 2 Dugong 3 Locket 4 Bile 5 Mousse 6 Academy 10 Priest 12 Labour 14 Panache 16 Knotty 17 Errant 18 Sunder 20 Hinge 22 Yarn

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Almasi - Norwood, Germany 1994.
Tactical combinations usually occur in positions with the queens on the board. Here, however, White demonstrated that one must also be on the lookout for tactics in the endgame. What did he play?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PADKOS
a. A Greek island
b. A foot bandage
c. Food for the journey

PISMO
a. An American clam
b. A Sicilian urinal
c. An oolite

RAVIGOTE
a. A lascivious dance
b. A herbal pick-me-up
c. A French sports jacket

POONTANG
a. A Chinese punt
b. An enamel paint
c. Sexual intercourse

Answers on page 31